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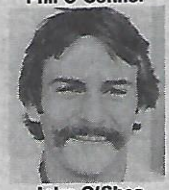
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St George, Melbourne in \$350,000 venture

Magyar youth power to hit Yugoslavs

The bleeding of youngsters is the main aim of the Hungarian national team's tour of Australia and New Zealand which started earlier this week in Canberra.

Word has come out of the Hungarians' training camp at Tata near Budapest, that manager Kalman Meszoly and coach Imre Mezey see the tour as the first stage in bringing their side to peak capability for the big tests ahead of them in Spain.

Five of the team's regulars — Meszgyros, Balint, Martos, Muller and Fazekas — who are

members of pro clubs in Western Europe, won't be seen in Australia, and in their places a clutch of young players has been invited.

From all reports — and in spite of the abominable weather conditions most of the time — they have been working with an enthusiasm and eagerness which, frankly, is uncharacteristic of most Hungarian soccer players.

If manager Meszoly's greatest achievement is to be identified, it is not that he managed to get Hungary into the finals of the World Cup from what was universally recognised as the hardest group from which to qualify.

Rather, it is his ability to isolate the national squad from the many problems and crises which have bedevilled Hungarian soccer for more than a decade now.

With this in mind, the Hungarians should prove to be excellent value for money on their tour, during which they twice will meet Yugoslav First Division side Vojvodina. The \$350,000 tour has been organised by St George and Melbourne.

Striker Andras Torocsik and midfielder Tibor Nijlasi are the best known names in the squad, but there are others worthy of attention.

Laszlo Kiss is the striker who virtually ensured Hungary's qualification for Spain with two crack-jack performances against Norway of two goals each.

He is a player who virtually can disappear from a game, only to suddenly burst into lethal action when least expected.

Sandor Sallai is one of the up-and-coming stars on the international scene.

As a defender he already has built himself a reputation as an uncompromising tackler who usually is assigned the job of neutralising the opposition's playmaker.

Torocsik's girlfriend was arrested for shoplifting on the eve of the game.

In Buenos Aires, Hungary was matched with the host nation for its opening fixture.

During a 90 minutes he would rather forget, "Tor" squandered an easy goalscoring opportunity mid-way through the second half, before being sent off for responding violently to a series of torrid Argentinian tackles.

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'Mr Hakoah' tells why his club linked up with Hellas

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Torocsik goes for wine, women, song

By
PAUL
MOON

Andras Torocsik, star striker of the Hungarian national team now touring Australia, hardly fits the popular image of the Eastern bloc athlete striving to achieve perfection through single-minded discipline and dedication.

For soccer rates behind wine, women, pop music and fast cars among the Ujpesti Dozsa player's priorities.

Born on May 1, 1955 in Budapest, Torocsik started his career with minnow BVSC, joining his current club shortly after his 19th birthday.

Ujpest was then in the middle of seven successive league championship-winning campaigns and the newcomer fitted comfortably into the all-conquering combination.

Painstakingly groomed for stardom by "Lilac and Whites" coach Pal Varhidi, Torocsik gained a reputation as a player of abundant skill and within two years was making his international debut against Austria in Vienna.

"Toro," as the local fans knew him, rapidly became a number one target for the game's hatchet men. Often provoked into retaliation, he accumulated a poor disciplinary record.

There was no doubting the supreme ability,



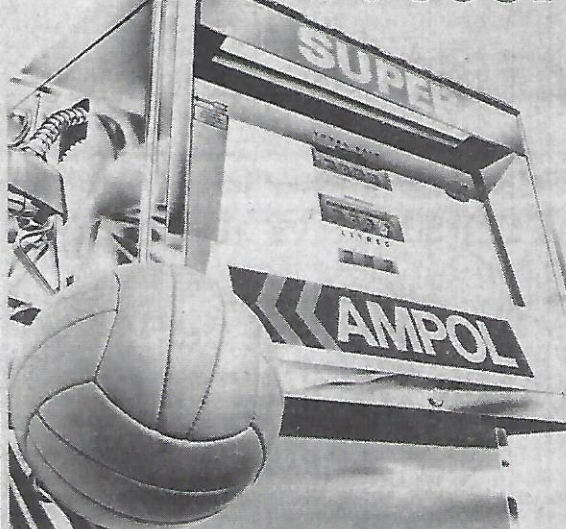
Andras Torocsik — trouble is his middle name

though. Hungary's Press dubbed him the "new Albert," a reference to Florian Albert the national soccer hero of the previous decade. He was quick to exploit his fame in Budapest's night clubs.

Much was expected of Torocsik during the World Cup finals of 1978, but the tournament was to prove a nightmare.

En route to Argentina, Hungary played England at Wembley. Not only did the Magyars lose 1-4, but

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Meet the mighty Magyars

By PAUL MOON

Hungary's touring players, with shirt numbers:

1. **BELA KATZIRZ** (Pecsi M.S.C.). Was first choice goalkeeper, until breaking his finger. Katzirz is now fully recovered and keen to regain the number one jersey. A tall, commanding keeper. Age: 27. International appearances: 13.

2. **LASZLO KAKAS** (Ferencváros). Third choice goalkeeper Kakas is one of our squad members from champion Ferencváros. Formerly with provincial club Eger, he is uncapped but probably will get a game or two during the tour. Age: 27. International Appearances: 0.

3. **ATTILA KEREKES** (Békéscsaba). Has now established himself in the heart of the Hungarian defence, despite playing for an unfashionable club. Is very dangerous when moving forward for set pieces, scoring 10 league goals last season. Age: 27. International Appearances: 13.

4. **GABOR SZANTO** (Ferencváros). Joined the champions from Diósgyőr in the close season. Versatile, he is equally comfortable in the middle of the back four. A fine distributor of the ball. Age: 23. International Appearances: 10.

5. **JÓZSEF TOTH** (Ujpest Dozsa). A robust left back, Toth has been an automatic choice for the past four years. Formerly with provincial club Pecsi M.S.C., he has almost 30 league appearances to his credit. Age: 31. International Appearances: 43.

6. **JÓZSEF VARGA** (Honvéd). Normally a left back, Varga can perform equally well in any niche in the back four or midfield. Industrious and dependable, he likes to move forward but only has six senior goals to his credit. Age: 27. International Appearances: 6.

7. **BELA VARADY** (Vasas). 28, striker, 184cm tall, 33 full caps, first came into prominence at 1972 Munich Olympics; immense shooting power with left foot.

8. **FERENC CSONGRADI** (Videoton). 26, midfielder, 11 full caps, 173 cm tall; carries a steel plate in his spine following surgery.

9. **MIKLOS MOLDVAN** (Nyíregyháza). Another versatile member of the squad, however makes no secret of the fact he prefers midfield. Has yet to wear the famous cherry jersey. Age: 25. International Appearances: 0.

10. **TIBOR NYILASI** (Ferencváros). The 1980-81 Hungarian "Footballer of the Year" and league leading goalscorer with 30 goals, which also earned him the runners up spot in the European "Golden Shoe" competition. He was badly missed against England at Wembley when injury ruled him out and the Hungarian midfield failed to function effectively. A player of supreme ability. Age: 27. International Appearances: 46.

11. **TIBOR RAB** (Ferencváros). A reliable ball winner and skilled passer, Rab has not quite fulfilled his early promise due largely to a series of injuries. Initially a centre back,



The Hungarian national squad, back row from left: László Balint, Gabor Szanto, Jozsef Varga, Tibor Rab, Kalman Meszoly (coach), László Kiss, Attila Kerekas, Tibor Rab, Jozsef Toth. Middle row: Lajos Vinkovics (masseur), Kyula Tamas (goalkeeper coach), Imre Garaba, Karoly Csapo, Miklos Moldvan, Sandor Mueller, Sandor Sallai, Imre Sandor (masseur), Dr. Zolta Botar (team doctor). Front row: Gyozo Martos, Kyorgy Kerekas, Tibor Nyilaski, Bela Katzirz, Ferenc Meszaros, László Kakas, Andras Torocsik, Bela Bodonyi, László Fazekas.

but now converted to the role of deep lying midfielder. Rab, along with fellow squad members Martos and Nyilaski, gained European Cup Winners' Cup runners up medals in 1975. Age: 26. International Appearances: 15.

12. **SANDOR SALLAI** (Debrecen). An outstanding prospect, blessed with superb ball control, vision and passing ability. The star of the national under 21 side, he was sent off following a clash with England's Sammy Lee. Sallai is quickly consolidating his place within the senior selection. Age: 21. International Appearances: 4.

13. **BELA BODONYI** (Honvéd). A winger in the classic mould. Speedy and aggressive, with excellent close ball control. He often comes on for Fazekas late in the game. A consistent goalscorer. Age: 25. International Appearances: 9.

14. **LASZLO KISS** (Vasas). Runner up to Nyilaski in the Hungarian League goalscorers' chart with 25, Kiss is an individualist who loves to entertain crowds with his vast array of skills. He scored four goals in the two World Cup games v. Norway. Age: 25. International Appearances: 19.

15. **GYORGY KEREKES** (Debrecen). Unable to gain selection for Ujpest, Kerekas moved to provincial Debrecen and displayed such outstanding form that he forced his way into international reckoning. Age: 25. International Appearances: 2.

16. **IGNAC IZSO** (Vasas). Forms dynamic striking partnership with Kiss at Vasas, for whom he scored winning goal in 1981 Hungarian Cup final. Izso is being groomed to eventually succeed Fazekas when the veteran retires. Age: 25. International Appearances: 2.

17. **ANDRAS TOROCSIK** (Ujpest Dozsa). The great character of contemporary Hungarian football. Only excesses on and off the pitch have prevented Torocsik from developing into one of the all time Magyar greats. Possessing exhilarating ball control, Torocsik can mesmerize any defence in the World when in the mood. Age: 26. International Appearances: 30.

18. **IMRE GARABA** (Honvéd). Garaba lost favor with manager Kalman Meszoly after an indifferent game against England in Budapest, although he scored his team's solitary goal. A centre back whom has proved suspect under pressure, he must produce a string of outstanding performances to salvage a place in the final 22 for Spain. Age: 23. International Appearances: 11.

19. **KALMAN MESZOLY** (team manager). Gained 61 caps during a ten year long international career. Included the 1962 and 1966 World Cup finals. Meszoly was the hero of his country's epic 3-1 victory over Brazil in 1966, dislocating a shoulder but returning to the field of battle and scoring a vital goal from the penalty spot.

The adventurous centre half retired in 1973 and immediately made his mark coaching, first with minnows Ganz-Mavaz, before graduating to Budapesti Honvéd, Békéscsaba and eventually Vasas, the club whose number five shirt he had worn with distinction for many years.

Under Meszoly, Vasas gained a string of domestic honors and it was no surprise when he was elevated to take charge of the national selection.

HUNGARY'S RECORD

In 1981 Hungary played nine full internationals; all but the first one as part of the World Cup elimination series. Their results:

April 15, Valencia: beat Spain 3-0.
April 27, Luzerne: draw with Switzerland 2-2.
May 13, Budapest: beat Rumania 1-0.
May 20, Oslo: beat Norway 2-1.

June 6, Budapest: lost to England 1-3.
September 23, Bucharest: drew with Rumania 0-0.
October 14, Budapest: beat Switzerland 3-0.
October 31, Budapest: beat Norway 4-1.
November 18, London: lost to England 0-1.

Hungary was the winner of World Cup Group 4, England also qualifying.

Hungary 8 4 2 2 13 8 10
England 8 4 1 3 13 8 9
Rumania 8 2 4 2 5 5 8
Switzerland 8 2 3 3 9 12 7
Norway 8 2 2 4 8 15 6

VEST NEW S.A. STATE COACH

New SA coach Alan Vest has picked a 19-man squad for the match against Vojvodina at Hindmarsh Stadium on February 3.

The squad includes five Rothmans League players.

The squad is: Martyn Cook, Graham Honeyman, Zoran Maricic, Adrian Santrac and Robbie Dunn (West), David Jones, Chris Manou, Gary Marrocchi, Sergio Melia, Glenn Dods, Bugsy Nyskohus, Johnny Nyskohus, John Perin and Charlie Villani (Adelaide City), Wally Bojczuk, Stewart Blair, Phil Cole (Azzurri), Lou Pivetta (Campbelltown) and Andy Toland (Port Adelaide).

The Victorian State squad against Hungary on Friday February 2 at 9.15 pm at Olympic Park is:

1. P. Laumets, 2. J. Oliver, 3. J. Zsundorn, 4. J. Gardiner, 5. S. Kokoska, 6. S. Blair, 7. C. Yankos, 8. A. Davidson, 9. J. Campbell, 10. T. Selemidis, 11. J. Rooney, 12. K. Murphy, 13. J. Paton, 14. G. Cole.

The South Melbourne Hellas squad against Vojvodina on

Friday February 2 at 7.30 pm is:

1. P. Laumets, 2. A. Davidson, 3. S. Blair, 4. A. Xanthopoulos, 5. B. Rogers, 6. J. Stevenson, 7. G. Turner, 8. J. Shirra, 9. A. Evans, 10. B. Buljevic, 11. S. Woodin, 12. S. Nicolaidis, 13. C. Egan, 14. B. Lutton, 15. R. Traficante.

Vojvodina one of best

Vojvodina from the city of Novi Sad, in the Vojvodina region of Yugoslavia, was formed in 1914. Its full name is **Fudbalski Klub Vojvodina**.

It is one of the best-established First Division clubs in Yugoslavia, with its own stadium and several youth teams from the age of 12 up.

Over the years it has played many international matches and literally dozens of its players have appeared in the Yugoslav national side.

For some years the coach was Vujadin Boskov, later Yugoslav's national coach, now in charge of Real Madrid in Spain.

Two car accidents, two suspensions

Automatically suspended, the Hungarian striker missed the following game against Italy, returning to face France in a match for prestige only, as both teams already had been eliminated.

Showing little interest, Torocsik made no impact in the proceedings during which the Gauls won 3-1, thus the Magyars returned home without a single point from the disastrous expedition.

Back in Budapest, the Hungarian Soccer Federation imposed a 12-month ban on internationals on the disgraced star. This eventually was halved by newly-elected federation president Gyorgy Szepesi.

Torocsik had little time to enjoy his reprieve though, for he was involved in a serious car accident soon afterwards. Badly injured, he missed the majority of the '78-'79 season.

Ujpest's tour of Japan marked the little striker's comeback and he proceeded to display the best form of his career.

A recall to national team colors was inevitable and he marked his return with the match-winner against Poland. Next, Scotland was sunk by two superb goals.

Revived fortunes on the field however did not inspire greater conscientiousness off it and Torocsik was dropped from the Hungarian team after turning up for training 10 pounds overweight.

The pounds shed, he soon was back and in December was appointed Magyar captain.

Still, rumors of irresponsible action seeped through to the Western world, but it was all swept under the official carpet.

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No doubt a New Year's Eve drinking spree and car accident would have been dealt with in a similar manner, had the occupant of the other not been the wife of a major Communist party official!

The hapless Torocsik was hauled before the authorities for drunken driving and a lapsed driving licence.

Once again the bad boy of Hungarian soccer was prohibited from representing his country, but the Torocsik-less Magyars performed so badly on a South American tour that national team manager Kalman Meszoly realised he could not omit his greatest natural talent and challenge for a berth in the

forthcoming World Cup finals.

The latest reprieve has inspired a series of vintage performances and was a major reason for Hungary's qualification for the World Cup finals.

Torocsik has the ability to be one of the star performers in Spain. Much will depend upon his attitude.

The fact that the Hungarian federation now permits player of 30 years or over to pursue careers in the lucrative pastures of Western Europe football may prove a big incentive to remain at the top for a further four years.

Hopefully Torocsik will be inclined to display his dazzling dribbling ability in Australia. If so he will provide a season-opener to remember.



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Hungary, Vojvodina —the full schedule

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Vojvodina's squad of twenty also is most impressive, with only six of the players without any international representation at either senior, junior or Olympic level.

Goalkeeper Slobodan Sujica (3 caps) and striker Zoran Maric (1) are the two full internationals in the squad.

Bringing these two teams to Australia is costing St George Budapest and Melbourne a cool \$350,000 and future repeat doses depend on how local soccer fans respond.

Following a match in Canberra this week (February 25), the Hungarians join Vojvodina, St George and Sydney Olympic in a round-robin tournament at St George Stadium in Sydney.

The full program is:
Wednesday, January 27 — Olympic v Vojvodina, St George v Hungary.

Friday, January 29 — St George v Vojvodina, Olympic v Hungary.

Sunday, January 31 — St George v Olympic, Hungary v Vojvodina.

On all three days matches start at 7.30 and 9pm.

In Melbourne there will be an international double header at Olympic Park on February 5, with South Melbourne Hellas taking on Vojvodina at 7.30pm, followed by Hungary v Victoria.

The following night, at the same venue, Hungary plays Vojvodina at 8.45pm, preceded by a friendly between Melbourne Hungary and Fawknar.

They'll tour

Vojvodina's squad, with shirt number, is:

1. Zvonko Ciric, aged 19, goalie, 4 Youth, 4 Under-21 caps.
2. Ceda Micovic, 26, full-back, no international record.
3. Sander Mokos, 28, full-back, 5 Youth, 3 U-21 caps.
4. Marjan Zovko, 22, stopper, 7 Youth, 4 U-21, 6 Olympic caps.

5. Dragoljub Bekvalac, 29, stopper, 10 Olympic caps.
6. Lazo Grubor, 22, defender, 5 Olympic caps.
7. Branislav Novakovic, 23, striker, 20 Youth, 4 U-21, 2 Olympic caps.

8. Zoran Maric, 21, striker, 2 Youth, 7 U-21, 1 full cap.
9. Rajko Vujadinovic, 24, striker, 4 U-21 caps.
10. Josif Ilic, 31, midfielder, 4 Olympic caps.

11. Labud Pejovic, 20, striker, no international record.
12. Mustafa Pestalic, 18, goalie, no international record.
13. Slobodan Sujica, 26, goalie, 10 Youth, 5 U-21, 5 Olympic and 3 full caps.

14. Sava Popic, 19, fullback, 19 Youth, 2 U-21 caps.
15. Dragan Jablan, 23, midfielder, 6 Youth caps.
16. Mihal Rac, 18, striker, 4 Youth, 4 U-21 caps.

17. Momeilo Medic, 19, striker, no international record.
18. Zoran Djurovic, 26, midfielder, no international record.
19. Andras Mesáros, 22, striker, no international record.

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29. Andras Mesáros, 22, striker, no international record.

Kingpin Nyilasi fights back from the Argentine nightmare

Today Hungarian captain Tibor Nyilasi is acknowledged as one of the most exciting stars of European football, however few players have experienced more setbacks on route to the top.

An attacking midfielder who has scored goals consistently at all levels, Nyilasi first caught the eye as a raw but enthusiastic, 20-year-old during the prolonged run of his club, Ferencvaros, in the 1974-75 European Cup Winners' Cup.

Ferencvaros reached the final, only to be demolished 3-0 by an outstanding Dynamo Kiev combination. Although his team was outplayed, the long-legged youngster impressed all with some superb touches.

Inevitably a call-up to the Hungarian national team followed and the famous cherry jersey was donned for the first time against Iran in Teheran.

A couple of months later he confirmed his arrival on the world scene by netting five goals during a European Championship encounter with Luxembourg, thus creating a post-war record, surpassing even the feats of the free scoring wonder team of the early 1950s.

Established in the senior team, Nyilasi turned his attention to the European Under-23 Championship. Hungary accounted for favorite England, only to suffer defeat by Russia in the final.

The Ferencvaros' midfielder had enhanced his reputation further and gained consolation when his club captured the domestic double of cup and league at the end of that momentous 1975-76 campaign.

Suddenly, and almost tragically, things turned sour. First of all he fractured his skull during a European Cup game with Dynamo Dresden.

Recovery was long and painful. Even today Nyilasi suffers the occasional headache and blurred vision. He was substituted during the Budapest World Cup clash against England after receiving a mild head knock.

Further troubles followed when he was caught contravening customs' regulations. This resulted in an undisclosed fine.

Nyilasi had just made a tentative return to Hungarian league soccer when struck down by appendicitis.

Despite this triple blow, it was Nyilasi, recovered and back to peak form, who spearheaded the Magyars' qualification for the 1978 World Cup finals.

Much was expected of this lively young midfielder with exceptional ball skills and immaculate passing ability as Hungary embarked for Argentina, but he was to prove a sad disappointment.

The target of countless brutal challenges during the Central Europeans' opening game against the hosts, Nyilasi retaliated by punching and kicking anybody in an Argentinian shirt.

He was somewhat fortunate to remain on the field until the 86th minute, before being sent-off following a horrendous tackle on Mario Kempes. This meant an automatic one match suspension and he only reappeared for the last match, against France, when Hungary's elimination already had been determined.

Upon returning home Nyilasi, along with the equally indiscreet Andras Torocsik, found himself barred from international duty for one year.

The shocked and disenchanted player promptly announced his retirement from all soccer, becoming a hotel manager. But he soon realised that the glamor and privileges of being a Hungarian soccer star were too precious to discard and was back in the game after six months. The return coincided with an announcement that the original suspension had been halved.

The prodigal son marked his international comeback with an immaculate performance against Scotland, inspiring a 3-1 victory.

As expected, Nyilasi was the kingpin of Hungary's quest for a place in Spain and his consistency and newly found maturity were rewarded with the national team captaincy.

All past frustrations were forgotten during 1981 by "Nyil", as he popularly is known in Budapest.

Not only did Hungary claim a niche in the World Cup finals, but Ferencvaros captured its first league championship in five years, thanks largely to 30 goals from the forceful midfielder. This effort gained him the Silver Shoe Award as Europe's second highest scorer.

For good measure he also carried off the Hungarian Footballer of the Year Award and was chosen for the European XI which faced Czechoslovakia during the Czech's jubilee game.

Nyilasi, who celebrated his 27th birthday on January 18 has the ability to make a substantial impact in Spain and erase the nightmare of Argentina.

— PAUL MOON

HUNGARY — THE SLEEPING GIANT

By PAUL MOON

final and was unlucky to lose 4-2 against powerful Italy.

The "Golden Era" commenced 10 years later when the Magyars assembled what was, arguably, the greatest soccer team of all.

Names such as Ferenc Puskas, Nandor Hidegkuti, Sandor Kocsis, Gyula Grosics, Jozsef Bozsik and Zoltan Czibor are assured of a place in soccer folklore.

After being beaten 5-3 by Austria in May 1950, the Hungarians put together an unbeaten run of 29 games.

Included in this sequence was the famous double humiliation of England — winning 6-3 at Wembley and 7-1 during the Budapest return six months later.

Success in the 1954 World Cup appeared to be a mere formality, particularly when Hungary opened its campaign with a 9-0 annihilation of Korea, followed by an 8-3 victory over West Germany.

The most obvious dangers, Brazil and Uruguay, were eliminated in the quarter and semi-finals. Only West Germany, which Hungary comfortably had accounted for earlier, stood between it and its rightful crown.

Tragically, it was not to be. Initial complacency was compounded when the mighty Magyars went two up within eight minutes of the knock-off, but the epic battles against the South Americans had taken an

immense toll, physically and mentally.

Incredibly the battling Germans fought back to steal a 3-2 win.

Puskas and Co. were not to get another World Cup opportunity. The 1956 uprising erupted with Hungary's senior and youth teams touring abroad. The bulk of both squads decided not to return and two generations of Hungarian soccer was decimated.

Hungary's 4-2 defeat by Czechoslovakia late in 1956 not only marked its first home loss for 13 years, but also the end of an era.

Still, the wearers of the cherry jerseys gave a creditable account of themselves in the international arena. Quarter-finalists in the 1962 and 1966 World Cups, they gained third position during the 1964 European Championship. The 1964 and 1968 Olympics saw them capture gold medals.

Ferenc Bene and Florian Albert had few equals during the sixties. One Liverpool football enthusiast, admiring Albert destroy Brazil during the 1966 World Cup, is reputed to have informed his mate standing alongside: "If I go home tonight and find Albert in bed with my missus, I'll get them an extra blanket and a cup of tea!"

Unfortunately players of Albert's quality were too few and far between to restore the old glories.

Instead the national team declined alarmingly throughout the '70s. After failing to qualify for the 1970 and 1974 World Cup finals, they gained a place amongst the final 16 for Argentina, only to lose all three games.

Further evidence of decay came in the form of defeats by international nondescripts Finland, USA and Ecuador. Both Canada and Tunisia recorded draws against Hungary.

Most Hungarians were pessimistic when they heard the draw for the 1982 Mundial grouped them with England, Rumania, Switzerland and Norway in the qualifiers, however, their team proved itself the best of the bunch.



Hungarian captain Tibor Nyilasi (left)

ABONYI'S BACK

Melbourne Soccer Club will fly down from Sydney its favorite son, Attila Abonyi to play against Fawknar in the curtain-raiser at Olympic Park on February 6.

Attila, who was a Melbourne junior and went on to become the top goal scorer of Australia, is now enjoying a successful stint as coach in Sydney and is making a comeback to play for his old club to commemorate its 25th silver jubilee.

Alistair Scott, the longest-serving captain of Melbourne has also been invited back to kick-off this match and to play in the first half.

Watch out for the Vics!

Hungary, despite having qualified for Spain, would be well advised not to take Victoria lightly.

Victoria, as Partizan Belgrade, Red Star and AEK of Athens would confirm, has acquired a fearsome reputation for knocking over visiting European sides.

The Vics beat a Welsh FA side in 1971 and then Third Division team, Bristol Rovers. They also beat Scottish First Division team Dundee in May 1978, more decisively than the score of 2-1 would suggest.

The star of that game was a diminutive winger, Tommy Cumming, who so impressed the Dundee management that they were interested in taking him back with them!

Victoria's team that day was J. Hansen, V. Bannion, J. Kondarios, S. Baxter, R. Provan, A. Kerr, W. McClymont, K. Taylor, J. Campbell, K. Watkins, K. Reed, G. McMillan, and T. Cumming, whilst the team was coached by famous ex-Celtic stalwart, Duncan McKay.

That famous victory was the forerunner of many more, brought about mainly through a far-sighted change of policy by the Victorian Soccer Federation.

A new Director of Coaching was appointed early in 1979, and it was decided at the same time to give him full control of a State squad that would train regularly together to ensure continuity and develop teamwork. That man was Len McKendry, unknown in Victoria, but who had a full FA qualification and some success in NSW behind him. The results must have far exceeded the VSF's most sanguine hopes, although his first game, against top Polish team Wisla Krakow, resulted in a 1-0 defeat.

Wisla coach Orest Lenczyk was full of praise for the Vics after the game, saying "Your boys tackled and never gave up, and they provided us with an ideal preparation for the European Cup."

The team against Wisla showed a lot of changes from the one that played against Dundee, with new stars in goalie Yakko Banovic, later sold to Derby County for \$140,000, John Zyzendorn, Steve Kokoska and Gary Cole emerging.

Partizan Belgrade was beaten 1-0, the Vics having learned enough points not to throw away a winning lead, and AEK of Athens was shocked and humbled 4-0 in one of

the heaviest pre-match downpours even seen in Melbourne.

Gary Cole, the Socceroo striker, scored three goals that day, and so impressed AEK that it tried unsuccessfully for the next 12 months to lure him to Athens.

Also in 1979, Victoria was lucky enough to see one of the world's most glamorous teams, New York Cosmos, in action, and once again we Tommy Cumming took the eye, electrifying the crowd with a brilliant equaliser seconds after the start of the second half. The Vics went down 3-2 through the agency of a 'freak' goal from Dutch World Cup star, Johan Neeskens.

Victoria played only two visiting teams in 1980, shocking Red Star 2-1, but going down to Milan in a spiteful match.

Victoria had few chances to play overseas teams in 1981, because of World Youth Championships and World Cup commitments, but one team that felt the part-timers' power was Dinamo Zagreb.

Victoria led at the 51st minute from a Jamie Paton goal and Dinamo was happy to scramble out of the game with a draw.

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The Vojvodina squad for the Australian tour.

CANBERRA LINK WITH OLYMPIC?

Canberra City hopes for improved financial stability through a proposed merger with Downer Olympic of the Southern NSW League.

Canberra spokesman Dave Dillon said a firm decision on the merger should be made by the end of the week.

"We all hope the merger will go ahead," he said.

"It would reduce costs enormously, as both social clubs would sponsor the football side of things and any losses would be split 50-50."

"Canberra North, which has soccer as well as little athletics and yachting, also is interested in coming into the merger."

Meanwhile, Canberra City again will have \$40,000 backing from NSW Lotto this year.

Coach George Murray is awaiting the outcome of the merger talks

before finalising his squad.

So far, the return of the three O'Shea brothers to St George, has been offset only by Mike Milovanovic's return from Blacktown to Canberra.

"The merger obviously will improve my ability to get new players," Murray said.

At the moment, Canberra's strongest line-up appears to be: Steve Haszowski — John Moutsopoulos, John Massa, Terry Byrne, Mike Milovanovic — Don McLaren, Duncan Cole, Ian Purdie — George Gibson, Walter Valeri, Tony Brennan.



Peter Sharne

Vic Bozanic

Marconi expects top Yugoslav

Marconi is negotiating with two Yugoslav players, one a full international, to help offset the losses incurred during the off-season.

Among those losses was Peter Sharne's \$50,000 transfer to Hong Kong club Eastern and Eddie Krncevic's return to Melbourne. Krncevic, who wants to join Melbourne Croatia, is appealing to the ASF against his \$30,000 transfer fee.

Jim Muir also went to Eastern for \$3000 and star midfielder Gary Byrne is on the transfer list.

The only recruits so far are West Adelaide utility player Vic Bozanic (\$18,000) and midfielder/full back Ricky Budini from Polonia, NSW, (\$4000), while Roberto Vieri has returned from Italy.

Dom Kapetanovic has been lured from Sydney Croatia as coach and former Soccerro full back George Keith replaces Mike Urukalo as secretary.

Dennis Hogart is assistant coach, replacing Ron Corry who has left the club. Corry's place as reserve goalkeeper goes to Tony Veneri who has been promoted from the youth team.

Keith denied last week that Marconi was making a bid for Footscray JUST's star winger Zdravko Lujic.

He said Kapetanovic was working hard on developing Marconi's best young players, Stewart Johnston, Steve Calderon, Atti Carbone, and Dennis Colusso.

Marconi's strongest combination appears to be: Allan Maher — Peter Brogan, Ivo Prskalo, Steve Calderon, Vic Bozanic — Joe Piccioane, Tony Henderson, Roberto Vieri — Mark Jankovics, Bertie Mariani, Dennis Colusso.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Phil O'Connor — APIA to Wollongong for \$14,000

Cotten starts well with Wollongong

It's all happening at Wollongong after the team's highly successful King's Cup campaign in Bangkok.

Wollongong finished second in its Cup group after scores of 0-0 v South Korea, 4-1 v Thailand B, 1-0 v India, 1-1 v a Poland selection and 0-1 v North Korea. Before the Cup, Wollongong drew 4-4 with Selangor in Malaysia.

Star of the tour was guest player Roy Cotten who was subsequently signed from St George for \$8000. Cotten scored five goals on the trip and he scored two in a recent 3-1 victory over Blacktown in a friendly match.

So well has Cotten been playing, that he's been overshadowing Wollongong's other star recruit, Soccerro Phil O'Connor who was bought from APIA for \$14,000.

The third newcomer to Wollongong is Larry Gaffney from Brisbane City signed for \$9000.

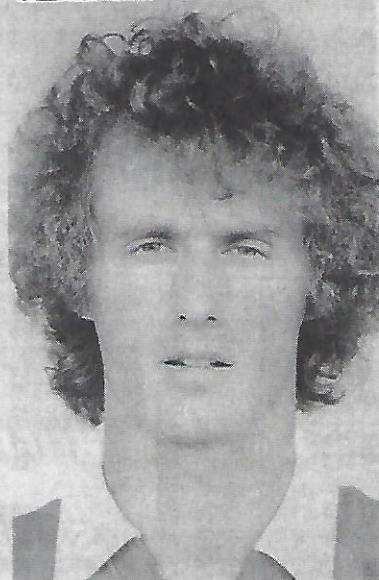
Two members of Wollongong's youth team, Zivko Hrstovski and Phil Kerr, both midfielders, have been training and playing well and coach Ken Morton expects them to make a determined bid for the senior team this year.

Meanwhile, Jim McBreen has been transferred to APIA and Bill de Graaf to Ringwood-Wilhelmina, while Ray Mohring is on trial with Blacktown.

Wollongong played against Vojvodina last Sunday and will travel to Victoria this weekend, to play against a Geelong selection at Geelong on Saturday. Then it's back home for a game against Melita Eagles on Monday.

Wollongong's strongest line-up appears to be: Natch Vardareff — Peter Willis, Arno Bertogna, Chris Dunleavy, Geoff Ainsworth — Lee Adam, John Fleming, Larry Gaffney — Phil O'Connor, Roy Cotten, Peter Tredinick.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Roy Cotten — St George to Wollongong

Redfern signs up for 1982

Young lions Peter Katholos, Mark Koussas and Peter Raskopoulos will spearhead what coach Doug Collins hopes will be Sydney Olympic's best season in the Phillips League.

Team captain Katholos is back after training with various clubs in Greece and West Germany and is set to improve further on the brilliant form he showed in the Australian national team last year.

He and Raskopoulos will provide the midfield service for striker Koussas, one of the sensations of the world youth championships, in which Australia beat Argentina and drew with England.

Jim Redfern, who guested with Olympic last year, has signed an extended contract. This former Washington Diplomats and Bolton Wanderers forward had an offer from West Germany but decided to rejoin Olympic instead.

All other members of Olympic's 1981 squad have signed on for the new season and Collins hopes to supplement the pool with a midfielder and forward. One of them will be from overseas.

As it stands, Olympic's strongest team would be: Peter Wilson — Danny Moulis, Jim Ziras, Ken Wilson, Andy Scott — Peter Raskopoulos, Peter Katholos, Jim Redfern — Derek Laing, Mark Koussas, Graham Jennings.



Mark Koussas

STEVE SUMNER FOLLOWS VEST TO WEST ADELAIDE

New Zealand's World Cup captain Steve Sumner has rejoined Alan Vest at West Adelaide Hellas.

It was Vest who recruited Sumner from New Zealand to Newcastle KB United. When Vest left Newcastle to coach West Adelaide, Sumner eventually followed, after trialling with a number of other clubs, including South Melbourne Hellas.

Sumner was on only a one-year contract with Newcastle.

Vest has signed another member of New Zealand's World Cup squad. He is Alan Boath, 23, a right midfielder or full back from Christchurch United.

Vest denied that captain Graham Honeyman would be leaving West Adelaide to join Preston Makedonia and he did not know whether Peter Boyle would return to Wests after playing for Makedonia in 1981.

West's other acquisitions have been former Manchester City and Rochdale striker Mick Brennan, 28, who arrived in Adelaide this month, and State league players Robbie Dunn (Azzurri) and 1981 Rothmans

League player of the year Adrian Santrac (Beograd).

The transfers for Dunn and Santrac are expected to be finalised this week.

West's possible line-up is: Martyn Cook — Ian McGregor, Ian Forde, Shraga Topaz, Ian McKie — Alan Boath, Steve Sumner, Graham Honeyman — Adrian Santrac, Mick Brennan, Manecas.

— MENO TOUTSIDIS



West Adelaide recruit Steve Sumner (right) is tackled by Billy Rogers of Hellas

ENGLISH CLUB BUYS KAY FOR \$10,000

Paul Kay cashed in on his brilliant form in the World Youth Championships when he was signed by English Second Division club Charlton Athletic.

Kay, who joined Wollongong from St George last year, impressed Charlton manager Alan Mullery over a 10-week trial.

Charlton then bought him for \$10,000

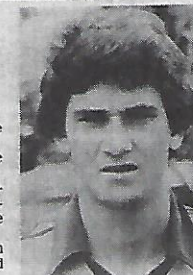
and agreed to pay a further \$2500 if he plays five senior matches.

So far, he has been playing only in the Central League Combination.

Kay's trial with Charlton was organised by the club's president, Mr Glickstein, who was in Australia to watch the World Youth Championships.

Glickstein also showed interest in Robert Wheatley of Blacktown, and Steve Blair of South Melbourne Hellas.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Paul Kay

Tearaway Turner to lift Hellas but Bannon quits

South Melbourne Hellas ably demonstrated its determination to land the elusive PSL title by signing Grant Turner, the revelation of New Zealand's World Cup run.

But star full back Vince Bannon has not renewed his contract and striker Duncan Cummings wants a transfer.

Bannon will join Juventus, along with his brothers Pat of Croatia and Ged of George Cross.

Turner, born in the tough Wellington suburb of Porirua, has, by his own admission, been something of a tearaway in the past and even today would not rate as the easiest player for a coach to handle.

As a 14-year-old, he made his debut for the Petone team which was relegated from the first division of the Central Regional League in 1973.

Turner made only nine appearances for Petone in three seasons, but created a good enough impression to gain selection for the North Island under 16 selection alongside Duncan Cole, now with Canberra City.

A transfer to Hungaria meant a return to the Central League first division, but Turner now considered himself ready for the highest standard of soccer available in New Zealand — the Rothmans' National League.

Consequently he joined the Lower Hutt-based Stop Out club. The 16-year-old shone, despite playing for a struggling team and was chosen for the Wellington representative side against the touring Tottenham Hotspur at the Basin Reserve.

In an exhilarating game, the un-rated Wellington twice equalised before finally succumbing 3-2. Two members of the home team, Brian

By PAUL MOON

Davidson and Eric Lesbirel, subsequently furthered their careers in the Tasmanian and Victorian State Leagues respectively.

Turner however had a long way to go before he was to attract the attention of Australian clubs.

At this stage he had neither the ambition nor discipline for top grade football and was content to languish in the regional league, returning to Petone.

The young Wellingtonian proved himself a prolific netfinder and he topped the league's scoring charts in 1977.

Petone though was limited in its aspirations and Turner probably would have remained a big fish in a small pool had he not attracted the attention of Kevin Fallon.

Fallon was coach of the Gisborne City side which became champion of the 1979 Central League and he was quick to appreciate the potential of Petone's rough diamond.

Turner was persuaded to join the Poverty Bay club as it prepared for the challenge of Rothmans' League status.

Under Fallon, the master motivator, he at last displayed the consistent form of which he was capable for a Gisborne side which transpired to be the season's surprise packet, grabbing the runner-up spot — its best-ever performance.

The determined, attacking midfielder made his debut for New Zealand during its sensational 4-0 demolition of Mexico, crowning a fine performance with a superb goal.

Turner was now an essential part

of the Kiwis' World Cup plans, but nobody possibly could have predicted the impact he would make when the series got under way.

Neither Australia nor Indonesia could subdue New Zealand's pocket dynamo and the spectacular goals he notched in Jakarta and Sydney long will be remembered by his country's soccer followers.

Unfortunately Turner's competitive nature still attracts the attention of referees and twice he was suspended for single games during the World Cup campaign.

This did not deter the Soccer Writers' Association from proclaiming him "Player of the Year" though and he also gained the Arcus Trophy as the Rothmans' League best and fairest performer.

Inevitably Australian clubs started to take an interest in Gisborne's little battler. Sydney Olympic's overtures eventually were turned down, but Hellas made an offer which Turner could not dismiss.

The New Zealander originally was due to fly to Melbourne on December 29 but the World Cup play-off in Singapore put paid to that. He's in Melbourne now, though, and he starred in Hellas' 9-0 victory over Hellas-Hakoah recently.

Hellas fans, exasperated by their team's inability to claim a title they had almost universally been tipped to win, will be scrutinising the newcomer's early-season form carefully.

The Kiwi, who has nine goals to his credit from 18 internationals, just may provide the extra drive that Hellas needs to take it to the top in 1982.

Meanwhile, Socrates Nicolaides or Bertie Lutton are vying for Vince Bannon's right-back spot.



Vince Bannon — off to Juventus

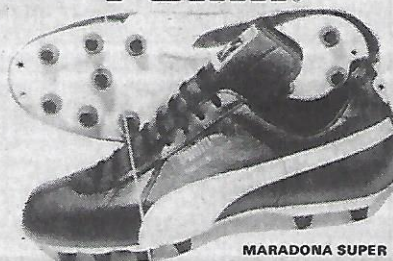
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Rooney geared for thrifty Heidelberg

Evergreen Jimmy Rooney is set for one of his biggest years, says Heidelberg — Alexander coach Len McKendry.

"Jimmy's been burning at training and I expect we'll see the Rooney of old this season," McKendry said.

Rooney is one of the all-time greats of Australian soccer. He has played 99 games for Australia during his long career with Lions (Vic), Prague, APLA, Marconi and Heidelberg.

Heidelberg has told the Philips League it intends leaving Olympic Park this year, and playing on the Olympic Village ground at Heidelberg.

Whereas it cost Heidelberg \$40,000 to play at Olympic Park last year, it

— and Tansey's coming back

will cost only \$20,000 at the new ground and the club will have an income of about \$40,000 from its canteen and advertising signs around the pitch.

The new committee, led by Sam Gouloupoulos, is working hard to reduce the \$120,000 deficit with which it was left at the end of the 1981 season.

Meanwhile, the club will conserve funds by holding back on transfers. All players apart from Ken Taylor, Gary Cole and Andy Bozikas had signed by late last week. Cole is expected to sign this week and Taylor should do so soon, but Bozikas is in dis-

pute with the club and has not been training.

Don MacLeod, recruited from Nottingham Forest's reserve team last year, has been solid at training and is expected to vie with Bob Proven for the stopper's position.

Jim Tansey has resumed light training after a devastating knee operation last year. McKendry expects Tansey to be back in action by about May.

Irishman Liam Monagle and Joe McGrory, who were imported last year, are available for transfer, and promising young defender Mihailidis has left to join the Institute of Sport in Canberra.

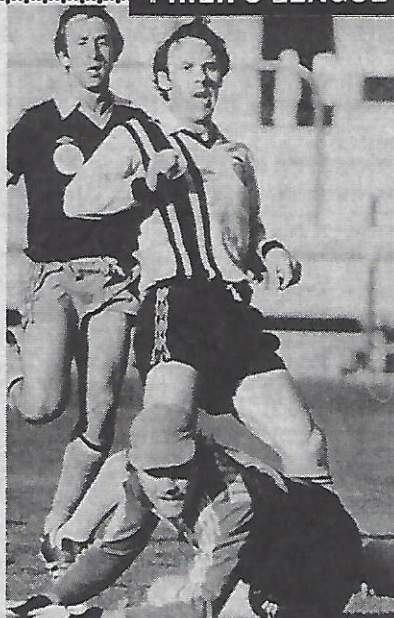
However, Charlie Yankos continues to shape up as a potential champion and he will hold the left back position vacated by Tansey.

Tom Tasevski also is improving and may stake a claim for a spot in attack. McKendry has been trying out Mick Valentine and Pedro Ramos, two youth players from Metropolitan League club Box Hill.

Valentine is almost certain to sign with Heidelberg. He is a Victorian under 19 representative who plays in midfield or attack.

Heidelberg's strongest line-up is: Left Oliver — Arthur McMillan, Bob Provan, John Zvendorn, Charlie Yankos — Theo Selemidis, Ken Taylor, Jim Rooney — Gary Cole, Jamie Paton, Jim Campbell.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Heidelberg's Jimmy Rooney puts one past APLA goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse. At rear is Rod Skellern

Cirkovic, resigns, Markovic on way

Jack Mihocek is back with Footscray J.U.S.T. after playing VFL football with Essendon.

Mihocek was a promising junior and reserve player with J.U.S.T. before switching to VFL and is now making a strong bid for a forward position in J.U.S.T.'s senior team.

J.U.S.T. also has been trying out left winger John Mudrinic from Sunshine City and goalkeeper Bill Radov from Doncaster Rovers.

Striker Dragan Vasic has returned from Northcote City and J.U.S.T. expects to sign a few players from Yugoslavia as well, but Kyriakoulas will be away mid-year, trying his luck in Greece.

Striker Milan Kojic and defender Slobodan Popovic are settling into the squad after playing for Northcote following their arrival from Yugoslavia last year.

J.U.S.T. is awaiting the arrival of its new coach, Ivan Markovic, who played for Borac and coached Dynamo Zagreb. He replaced Cedo Cirkovic who has resigned.

J.U.S.T. looks to have a useful squad. Its strongest line-up appears to be: Dennis Boland — Slobodan Popovic, Jim Kondarios, Kyriakoulas, Igor Hazabent — Johan Verweij, Zoran Illoski, Slobodan Jovanovic — Bruno Cazzella, Milan Kojic, Zdravko Lujic.



Jack Mihocek

Hakoah v. Albion after Shield game

Striker Alfred Wabealo and winger Ta-ta Coulon from New Caledonia have joined Sydney City Hakoah for the 1982 season.

Wabealo has represented New Caledonia 10 times and played six games for the Tahiti select team. Coulon has played 12 games for New Caledonia.

They impressed Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson during the team's off-season visit to New Caledonia.

Hakoah has retained all its 1981

players except striker Mark Treuter and youth international Brett Woods who are on the transfer list.

The club has signed a number of promising youth players, including NSW schools representative Harry Ree, a 15-year-old Korean.

Meanwhile, youth player Jean Paul de Marigny may stay on in Scotland to play for Aberdeen. He and Hakoah team mate Jim Patikas have been trialling with Aberdeen whose manager Alex Ferguson has asked de Marigny to stay on for the 1982 season.

De Marigny has yet to decide whether to stay in Scotland or follow Patikas back home.

De Marigny, 18, is a NSW schools and junior representative.

Jim Hughes, who has been assistant to Hakoah's senior coach Eddie Thomson, has accepted the coaching position with State League club Warrington, and Geoff Harcombe is Hakoah's new youth team coach, replacing Leo Baumgartner who has left the club. Harcombe's assistant is Roger Musgrove.

Hakoah will meet Brisbane Lions in

the annual Charity Shield match between league and Cup winners, at Brisbane on Sunday.

The following Sunday, Hakoah meets Albion Rovers at Selwyn Park, Albion (Vic.) Albion Rovers' president is Dave MacLaren, former Hakoah coach.

Until Wabealo and Coulon settle into the squad, Hakoah's strongest line-up will be the same as last year's:

Todd Clarke — Kevin Mullen, John Spanos, Steve O'Connor, Alec Robertson — Jim Patikas, Murray Barnes, Ian Souness — Joe Watson, John Kosmina, Ken Boden.

Adelaide City may lose five players

Mass defections from Adelaide City threaten to jeopardise the club's plans for the sixth PS� season.

At least five players will be missing from last year's team, unless there are last-minute developments.

The players are: sweeper John Perin, who wants to join Preston; Glenn Dods (returning to New Zealand); David Mitchell (attempting to break into Glasgow Rangers' senior team); Bobby Russell (back in England) and David Jones (moving to Melbourne because of employment).

On top of that, goalkeeper Peter Marshall has not yet recovered from a broken leg and is some months off from returning to the side.

Dods, Jones, and Perin are still with the club, but all are expected to have been transferred by the time the PS� kicks off.

Mitchell and Russell are both in the UK.

On the credit side, City plans to sign Rothmans League players Ossie Mich-

elson, 22, Les Matisek and Graham McMillan, who are both 17.

Michelson is a hard-tackling defender while Matisek, a striker, is the son of former top SA striker Les Matisek and McMillan is the son of ex-Dundee professional and former SA coach George McMillan.

City also has invited former West Ham United goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson, 36, to train with the senior side.

Meanwhile, City's promising 15-year-old striker Anthony Dorigo, who made a handful of appearances late in the season, has signed as a professional apprentice with Aston Villa.

Bob D'Ottavi, who succeeded Rale Rasie last year, is back again and obviously will find his second year in the PS� a far different proposition to last year when he guided the team to sixth place.

City's line-up is anyone's guess.

— MENO TOUTSIDIS

McSkimmings just walks in

While club officials are playing it down, the biggest hurdle Brisbane Lions face this year is adapting to the loss of mercurial central defender Jim Hermiston who, to the surprise of Lions officials, retired at the end of last season, then promptly left to take up a junior coaching job at Brisbane City.

Unflappable Scottish coach Joe Gilroy says youngster Paul Burns, 20, is ready to step into Hermiston's place but that remains to be seen.

And while young Burns did little wrong in the few appearances he made late last season — he kept big Gary Cole under control for most of the match — there are few players in Australia who could dominate a game from the backline and exert a reassurance and steadiness through the team like the amicable Hermiston did.

Although Lions have lost Hermiston, they are not short of a defender thanks to the amazing appearances of talented Queens Park fullback Bobby McSkimmings, 26, who emigrated to Australia last year.

He had been under the control of Gilroy at Queens Park several years ago and although he knew Gilroy was in Brisbane, he had forgotten the name of the club. The two bumped into each other at the local shopping centre and it didn't take the influential Gilroy long to have McSkimmings at training and signed for the '82 PS� season.

McSkimmings has looked impressive in

training and, with Soccerroo Alan Niven, will give Lions a deadly fullback combination.

Lions are also trialling two State League players — Bundaberg Across the Waves' Gary Bromfield and 18-year-old midfielder starlet Russell Stewart from last year's State League champion Mount Gravatt.

Bromfield, a speedy winger, was the State League "best and fairest" award winner while Stewart is an extrovert and has the talent to go with it.

Many in Queensland, including Director of Coaching Ron Smith considered he should have been in the young Soccerroo team last year but he was considered too young. More good news for Lions is that speedy striker Ron Millman, who broke his leg in the 14th round last season, is training strongly.

Millman, teaming with Billy Williamson and young winger Craig Low, who both took many teams by storm last season, should give Lions one of, if not the fastest forward line in the competition.

Lions, like many clubs now confronting smaller travelling squads, have drastically trimmed their playing staff and have transfer — listed eight players.

New Zealand international Johann Verweij who was on loan to Footscray last year, has been listed at \$8000.

Also at that price is Scottish midfielder Jim Maclean, who didn't settle at the club last season and doesn't appear to fit into with Gilroy's plans.

Former No. 1 goalkeeper Tony Scanlan appears set to go to State League on loan.

Last season it was a fierce battle between the 21-year-old and Nigel Lowndes for the No. 1 jersey. But Lowndes finally secured the position late in the year and now Gilroy believes he cannot keep two good keepers at the club this season.

Also State League-bound appear to be 1980 regulars Gerry Lindsay and Mark McNaughton, neither of whom held down a place last season.

Lions last week jubilantly announced a new sponsorship, a five-figure sum from P. and O. Cruises and officials promptly announced some of it would be used to bring over another guest international.

Last year former England and now Swansea star Bob Latchford may have proved costly for Lions in terms of appearances — he played in only three of a scheduled six matches — but the local interest and publicity his lengthy hamstring injury caused certainly made the venture worthwhile.

Lions are trying for Latchford again but are believed to have someone else "on standby" if it falls through.

Everyone at Lions is fully expecting the club to pick up where it left off with the 3-1 Philips Cup final win over West Adelaide last season and under the shrewd Gilroy there is every chance they will.

But without Hermiston some panicky moments in defence look certain and they may have to rely on their forwards to score more goals than the ones the opposition seem likely to get.

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Bohan brothers, Sikorski for Brisbane City?

Brisbane City seems to have a reputation of following a good year with a disastrous season.

It happened two years ago when City followed its fourth placing in 1979 with a season-long battle against relegation in 1980.

Then, last year, with everyone tipping City as a relegation candidate again, it showed persistence and hardwork can pay off and finished the year in third place — the highest ever for a Brisbane team.

The statistics predict a poor season for City this year but to go that far would be folly.

Yet there have been several key changes which club officials are hoping will pay off.

The major change is the reinstatement of club stalwart Nereo Saticich as PSL team coach. It is Saticich's fifth stint at the club and, admittedly, the good times generally have come while he has been at the helm. Saticich is a good motivator and discipline is certain to be much stronger than last year when former player George Potter found it hard to gain the respect of some cliques within the team.

Although they were brushed aside as unimportant, more than once spectators leaving the grandstand heard heated arguments in the City dressing room.

City has lost two regular players from last season while the third virtually has retired and been given a free transfer.

Hard-running midfielder Larry Gaffney has returned to Wollongong, where he came to Brisbane in the first season of PSL.

Apparently City could not afford the money wanted by Gaffney, who was the club's Player of the Season last year.

Also going south is former black-town striker Paul Wilkinson, and defender David Ratcliffe both to St George.

Utility player Kevin Caldwell, who filled in creditably for the injured Steve Perry last season, has decided to return to his hometown, Ipswich, to coach and possibly play for State League club Ipswich United.

The loss of the three, particularly Gaffney and Wilkinson, has forced City to look for replacements and the club was this month expected to announce the signing of an overseas player.

The only details they were prepared to release earlier this month was that he was a striker. City officials also were able to lure to pre-season training the fiery Bohan brothers, Gary and Bevan, from State League premier and champion Mount Gravatt.

Both players are renowned for their tough styles and are regular receivers of red and yellow cards. Bevan, a midfielder or forward who scored five goals last season and initiated many others, has been training solidly and

currently is negotiating a contract with City.

But Gary, with a State League scoring tally last season of 22 goals, is obviously the one City would love to sign.

Meanwhile, Peter Tokesi, who was on loan to Across the Waves last year, is back with City, possibly to replace Ratcliffe as stopper.

City has been trialling a former Polish international who pleaded in the local Press for a club to take him in.

He is Jozef Sikorski who says he played in goals for Poland against East Germany four years ago before he broke his arm and was unable to regain his national or club first team place.

Sikorski then went to Scotland but could not get a clearance to play but now in Australia has been given the green light.

As for the prospects of Saticich this season it is hard to see City in the top four unless it can secure a regular goalscorer. Its new overseas signing could be the answer but one thing is certain. City again will be hard to beat at Spencer Park and that, with a few away wins, should be enough to keep it comfortably in the top half of the ladder.

— RICKY ROSSO



St George recruit David Ratcliffe (left) in action for Brisbane City against Steve Wooddin of Hellas

Gemmell joins, Endacott back

Ken Kaiser, new coach of Newcastle KB United, has signed Brett Gemmell and Trevor Smythe to replace Steve Sumner, Paul Reaney and Graeme Hays.

Gemmell, 20, a right winger, from Weston, long has been one of the leading players in the Newcastle district. Weston sent him to England for experience when he was about 16.

Smythe, 30, an attacking midfielder, played alongside Col Curran at Weston Suburbs before the start of the Phillips League.

Newcastle also will benefit from the return of Neal Endacott, whose career was interrupted by serious injuries sustained in a car crash.

Bobby Charlton, during a visit to Newcastle, once described Endacott as one of the finest young Australian players he has seen.

David Lowe, 18, is on the verge of being promoted from the youth team. Kaiser predicts that Lowe will be in Australia's next World Cup squad, so much does he think of the player's talent.

However, Grant Storey, who came up from the youth team last year, has dropped out and is no longer with the club.

Meanwhile, Bob Mountford is recovering from a broken leg sustained in an exhibition match with Wollongong late last year, and Ian Buckley continues to receive physiotherapy for a knee injury.

Sumner left Newcastle for West Adelaide and Reaney has returned to England. Hays, the trickier, red-headed winger, is on the transfer list.

New coach Kaiser, a former West Wallsend player and coach of Newcastle's youth team last year, will be assisted by former APIA goalkeeper Dave McQuire who also is club secretary.

Another midfielder is yet to be signed.

Newcastle's best line-up appears to be: Phil Dando — Col Curran, Roy Drinkwater, Craig Mason, Howard Tredinnick — Joe Senkalski, Trevor Smythe, Malcolm McClelland — Brett Gemmell, Alf Stamp, David Jones.

— LAURIE SCHWAB — LAURIE SCHWAB

Todorovski of Vardar set for Preston

Preston - Macedonia will be strengthened in the next few weeks by a top-class defender or midfielder from Yugoslavia.

His is Georgi Todorovski, 27, a first team regular from Vardar Skopje.

Todorovski is one of two recruits signed so far. The other is Graham Fox, 24, a left back from Ballymena, formerly with Cardiff City. Coach Peter Ollerton describes Fox as potentially "better than Jim Tansey."

Macedonia expected to sign John Perin of Adelaide City on a free transfer but City since has slapped a \$10,000 transfer fee on Perin and Macedonia president John Branov says: "Certainly there's no way we can pay that amount."



John Perin

Perin wants to move to Melbourne, as his wife Mary comes from there.

He has served Adelaide City for 18 years and believed he would be given a free transfer in return for his loyalty.

He had only one season

away from Adelaide — with Juventus in Melbourne after being married there in 1972.

Macedonia is likely to lose Peter Boyle who commuted from Adelaide last year, and has seven other players on the transfer list.

Melbourne Croatia is interested in midfielder Jeff Faulkner, Morwell Falcons want centre back John Higham, Wollongong and Canberra are in the running for Isaac Farrell and Frankston City has shown interest in goalkeeper Lou Kastner. Others on the transfer list are defender Ron MacIvor and Danny McCluskey and goalkeeper Gary Clayton.

Gary Ward, Macedonia's top goalscorer of the past few seasons, has recovered fully from a broken leg and looks set to resume in a big way.

However, forward Claude Luchesi and defender Ljube Petrovski are in dispute with the club over pay.

Alan Whittle has been appointed assistant to coach Ollerton, replacing John Kennedy who joins former Macedonia coach Brian Edgley at Knox City. Former Mooroolbark player Mike Sinclair, who coached Ringwood United last year, has been appointed coach of Macedonia's Second Division team.

Pending the arrival of Todorovski and Fox and settlement with Luchesi and Petrovski, Macedonia's strongest combination appears to be: Richard Wilson — Mike Rainey, Peter Ollerton, George McMillan, Steve Beech — Richard Miranda, Gordon Flavell, Alan Whittle — Rob Cullen, Gary Ward, Doug Brown.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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BURROWS TO APIA

APIA-Leichhardt has signed two forwards to replace star striker Phil O'Connor who switched to Wollongong.

They are Paul Burrows and Jim McBrean.



Paul Burrows

Burrows was bought for \$5000 from Blacktown, which got him from Newcastle. McBrean crossed from Wollongong on a free transfer.

APIA has lost other players apart from O'Connor. Coach Willie Wallace has decided to make only minimal changes, preferring to build up stability which was lacking before last season.

Young players Ian Grey, Paul Carter, Eddie Zaccorner, Frank Cassaccio and David Watt, who were introduced to the senior team last year, have been retained in the squad and are expected to improve further.

Once again the team will be led by Australia's former captain and record international Peter Wilson.

APIA's strongest team appears to be: Greg Woodhouse — Mark Pullen, Alan



Jim McBrean

Hughes, Peter Wilson, Col McAuland — Jim McBrean, Terry Butler, Zdenko Kafka, Sebastian Giampolo, Paul Burrows, Tony Morsello.

Big crowd pleases sponsors

Officials of Ampol were delighted with the first-night attendance at Victoria's new-look Ampol Cup.

A crowd of 6080 turned up to watch the opening double-header at Olympic Park — one of the biggest Ampol Cup attendances of the past 10 years.

A similar crowd was expected to the Sunday double-header at Middle Park, but due to temperatures of over 40 degrees, only about 2500 ventured away from the beach.

Ampol, the only Australian oil company, has been sponsoring Australian soccer continuously for 28 years.

Ray Colgate, Ampol's manager for Victoria and Tasmania, said: "After those 28 years we're still as enthusiastic as ever. Having stood by soccer through thick and thin, we're now looking forward to a new era of Ampol Cup soccer due to the new format."



VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP

AEK striker for Hellas?

**SM-Hellas 1
Ajax 1**

Scorers, Ajax: Paul Lewis 10th; Hellas: Buljovic 25th.

Ground: Middle Park, Sunday.

Referee: Jim Fearn 7.

Cautions: MacLeod (Ajax).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 6 — Nicolaidis 5, Lutton 6, Xanthopoulos 6, Shirra 6 — Stevenson 6 (Campbell 8, half time), Davidson 7, G. Turner 8 — Wooddin 6, Evans 6, Buljovic 6 (Egan 5, half time).

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 7 — Peter Lewis 8, Gardiner 8, Cannell 7, Hogben 7 — Wallace 6, Bennett 8, Vassallo 7, Williams 7 — Paul Lewis 6, MacLeod 6.

There were rumors at Middle Park that Con Cotis, the forward of AEK Athens may play for Hellas on loan mid-season.

Cotis is coming to Melbourne to visit relatives at the end of the Greek season.

Hellas officials could not confirm the reports, but conceded that it might be a good idea to sign a guest player during the period that Steve Wooddin and Grant Turner will be in Spain with the New Zealand team for the World Cup finals.

Hellas started its Ampol Cup campaign poorly in stifling temperatures which, however, eased slightly when heavy rain fell just after half time.

Ajax, the 1981 State League champion, played without Bill Morrey, Kit Grechan and Gerry Bennett, yet still managed to score first and hold out for a deserved draw with a defence and counter-attack approach.

It was a tactic that showed due deference to Hellas's greater reputation. The men who

made the tactic work are right back Peter Lewis and sweeper John Gardiner who controlled the defence, and midfielder Alan Bennett.

In order to have sufficient numbers in defence, Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan had striker Gordon Wallace playing on the left of a four-man midfield, reducing the striking force to Paul Lewis and Gus MacLeod.

Hellas coach John Margaritis used the game to try out all his leading players, resulting in the half-time appearances of George Campbell and Charlie Egan as substitutes. Campbell was particularly impressive.

Paul Lewis opened the scoring in the 10th minute, side-footing the ball calmly past Peter Laumets after being left in the clear when Socrates Nicolaidis failed to stop a good forward pass from Jim Williams.

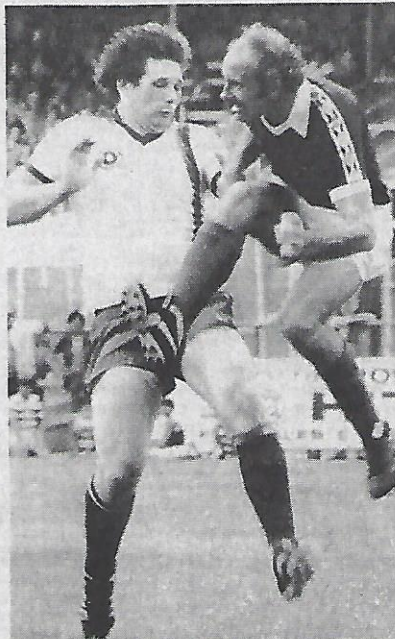
Hellas's pride had been hurt and its players fought back. Wooddin broke through to send a diagonal shot into the middle. Branko Buljovic was there to meet it, but he missed the ball.

The equaliser finally came in the 25th minute, with Buljovic atoning for that earlier miss. Ajax goalkeeper Lou Denys repelled a sudden long shot by Alan Davidson, and Buljovic followed up to put the loose ball into the net.

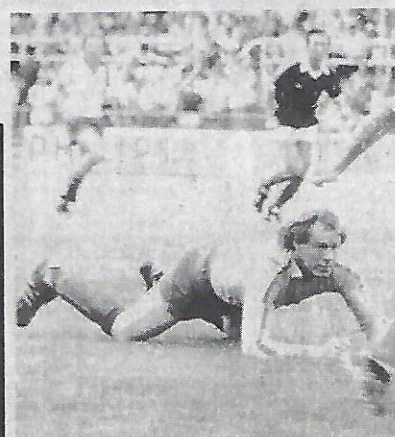
But just before half time Ajax put together another good attacking move in which Gordon Wallace could have scored the winning goal with a little luck. Instead he hit it over the bar under pressure.

The cloudburst gave players of both teams a little more energy but scoring chances did not fall as heavily as the rain. Turner had a long shot saved by Denys, Stuart Cannell broke up a good combination between Wooddin and Campbell and that was it.

Theoretically, Ajax could reach the Cup final at Hellas's expense by winning its remaining games and scoring more goals than Hellas in the process. — LAURIE SCHWAB.



J.U.S.T. full back Jim Milne shows fierce determination in clearing the ball from Croydon's big forward Bob Wright. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



J.U.S.T. striker Bruno Cozzella dribbles around Croydon goalkeeper Mick Edwards, but Des Shannon has dropped back and will clear Cozzella's shot off the line.

This week's games

Olympic Park, Wednesday (tonight), first game starts at 7.15pm:
HEIDELBERG v Doveton; MAKEDONIA v Croatia

Olympic Park, Friday, January 29, first game starts at 7.15pm:

Footscray J.U.S.T. v Green Gully Ajax (draw); **HELLAS v Croydon**

Middle Park, Sunday, January 31, first game starts at 3.30pm.

CROATIA v Doveton; Heidelberg v Macedonia (draw)

J.U.S.T. lucky as Lia, Shannon shine

**Foots JUST 1
Croydon 0**

Scorer: Iloski
Ground: Middle Park, Sunday.

Referee: Voutsinas 8.

Crowd: about 2,500.

JUST: Boland 9 — Milne 7, O'Reilly 6, Kandariou 6, Hazabent 7 — Curovic 7, Iloski 8, Jovanovic 6 — Cozzella 6 (Mihocsek 51st), Kojic 6, Lujic 6.

CROYDON: Edwards 7 —

Brown 8, Wade 8, Shannon 8, Hobbs 7, S. Bakke 6, Howarth 7 (lynnes 60th), Lia 8 — P. Loughnane 7, Wright 6, Cox 6.

Croydon has found a couple of youngsters with more than mere potential — Reno Lia and Des Shannon.

Lia showed that he already is an accomplished player although new coach Ken Kontra probably would like to see the youngster improve his finishing.

Lia's inability to finish on two occasions were in no small way a measure of the superb reactions of JUST keeper Dennis Boland.

There's no better keeper in the PSL, indeed one can merely muse over J.U.S.T.'s fate in recent times had Boland not been in his capable custodian. Like he has done so often in the past Boland saved JUST against Croydon.

With the scoreline blank part way through the second half Peter Loughnane sent Lia on his way. The youngster looked like a class player as he shielded the ball inside the JUST area, then turned in a flash and hammered toward goal. In the ensuing melee the ball fell to Peter Loughnane who must have thought he'd put his team ahead. Amazingly, just when the ball seemed past Boland the JUST keeper flung himself to his left, tipping the ball wide at the very last grasp.

Two minutes later Johnny Howarth put Lia in to the clear but Boland was off his line in seconds and was able to get a touch to Lia's low drive.

Then Jim Milne surged forward from his right back spot only to be fouled by Howarth, an indiscretion which earned Croydon's midfielder a caution from referee Voutsinas. Milan Kojic took the free kick, curling it in behind the Croydon defence. JUST captain Zoran Iloski's well-timed diagonal run ended when he glanced the ball past Croydon keeper Mick Edwards.

And JUST had sneaked home. For the most part though it had more possession but failed to crack Croydon's defensive core with sweeper Paul Wade at its heart.

Shannon was the surprise packet. Unheralded, he faced up to PSL opposition in his second year but yet his tackling and heading belied a maturity far in excess of his teenage years. Early in the game Bruno Cozzella broke clear, rounded Edwards and struck the ball goalward but Shannon had recovered well to slide down and clear.

Zdravko Lujic didn't look fit. Just when one expected Lujic to turn and surge past his opponent he was unable to unleash his acceleration which plays such an important part in his game.

Lujic though, was up against the odds in more ways than one. In Mark Brown the JUST winger more than met his match. And Brown took time off from keeping Lujic in check to break forward and cross into the JUST area in search of big Bob Wright.

The first half had little to offer but for a 20 minute period of the second stanza both sides had the crowd on its feet.

Croydon won't win the 1982 Ampol Cup but its prize for playing talented youngsters could be rich in years to come.

JUST can and possibly will play much better, otherwise the Ampol Cup will prove entirely fruitless. — CRAIG MAC KENZIE

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BROWN THE SOLE SAVING GRACE

**Makedonia 2
Doveton 0**

Scorers: Olorton 10th, Lucchasi 25th.

Ground: Olympic Park, Friday night.

Crowd: 6080 (double-header).

Referee: Venios 7.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7 — Rainey 7, Flaville 6, McMillan 7, Boech 7 — Whittle 7, Olorton 7 (Magnano 65th), Brown 8 — Cullen 6, Lucchasi 7 (Miranda 53rd), Ward 6.

DOVETON: Ivanoff 7 — McConville 6 (Elliman 52nd), Corka 6, Thurlow 7, Roggero 5 — Connolly 5 (Hulusi 62nd), Wilcock 5, Train 7 — Whitehurst 5, Bone 5, Quin 6.

TO: Doug Brown.

FROM: About 6,000 spectators at Olympic Park.

MEMO: Thanks for giving us something to enthuse about.

This far from epic spectacle boasted a couple of stunning solo runs from Makedonia's Scottish midfielder as its sole saving grace.

Brown was sporting a Pierre Cardin short-sleeved top after the match. "One of my old ones," he quipped, but it was fitting for a player who had just performed scintillating runs in the Rolls Royce class.

He trapped the ball a few yards inside his attacking half in the 48th minute, looked up but could see little support forward. Within seconds he had wriggled past four opponents at breathtaking speed. As the Makedonia fans roared their approval he curled a far post cross which had Doveton keeper Lou Ivanoff clawing desperately at the ball at full stretch. Ivanoff palmed wide to the feet of Robbie Cullen who squared across the face of goal but the lunging Gary Ward failed by inches to tap in.

An inch perfect Alan Whittle cross early in the game presented Peter Olorton with little difficulty in heading home and later in the first half Ivanoff had no choice but to palm Ward's low shot to the feet of the incoming Claude Lucchasi.

The course of Ward's injury riddled career with Makedonia may change. A confident, fit Ward is a lethal finisher.

Player-coach Olorton feels that with a couple of goals under his belt Ward can contribute greatly to the club's 1982 fortunes.

Olorton was satisfied with the result but conceded that some of his players became slightly complacent in the second half.

Makedonia will be without Adelaide City sweeper John Perin throughout the Ampol Cup but the club continues its bid to sign another two top flight PSL players from South Australia. Names such as Adelaide City stopper David Jones and West Adelaide winger Graham Honeyman are being bandied about.

Doveton was far from disgraced and Jim Train and Peter Thurlow simply don't know when they're beaten.

The Doves sadly missed Steve Irvine up front. The lanky striker is recovering from major knee surgery involving the removal of a cartilage, ligament and nerve. He could be sidelined for the rest of the year.

Newcomer Gerry Connolly may show a great deal more as the season unfolds and Makedonia is negotiating to bring out a Yugoslav international defender for guest games.

Gerry Collins from Scottish club St. Rox should arrive soon. He has been highly recommended by Glasgow Celtic.

Including both substitutions the Doves used seven reserve players against Makedonia. No wonder they were unable to create a clear cut scoring chance.

Makedonia merely did enough to win. More is needed against more accomplished opposition — CRAIG MACKENZIE.

PSL giants set to stride clear

'Group B' of the 1982 Ampol Cup should turn into a two horse race after tonight's (Wednesday) double header at Olympic Park starting at 7.15 pm.

The PSL representatives in this group, Makedonia and Heidelberg, should break well clear of their State League opponents by beating Croatia and Doveton respectively.

The Doves will be hard pressed to contain the Bergers in the opening game.

Jimmy Rooney continues to redefine the word "veteran".

On physical qualities alone the former Soccerro captain resembles a lively youngster bubbling with enthusiasm to make his mark in senior ranks.

His playing philosophy promotes longevity - never worry about the past, it's the

future, the next game that really counts.

If Rooney is judged solely on his last performance then he's the outstanding midfielder in Victorian soccer. Against Croatia last Friday he ran like a scalded puppy, did things with the ball which other players merely fantasise about and made his critics scurry for cover.

Doveton struggled in mid-field last week, an ominous sign against Rooney. Theo Selemidis and Kenny Taylor tonight.

Makedonia and Croatia's long standing rivalry will ensure a large crowd and should provide an exciting spectacle.

Croatia's first team squad is a far cry from previous years when irrespective of the opposition the club could be relied upon to do well.

While the committee and supporters had good cause to be pleased with the team's showing against Heidelberg, at best the 1-0 defeat can be

described as an honorable loss. Gone are the days when Croatia was expected to easily account for struggling PSL sides and was capable of knocking off PSL giants.

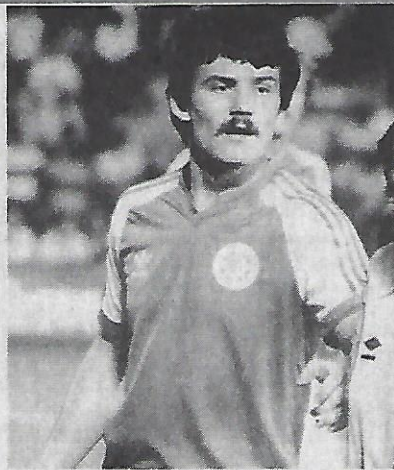
The drastic overhaul of the first team squad late last year has left Croatia with glaring class and depth gaps and it is asking too much for fine youngsters such as Steve Gojevic, George Radman,

Chris Kovac and Danny Ramljak to immediately plug the holes.

Makedonia looks far stronger though. Alan Whittle's class and experience in mid-field is crucial to the outcome of this game and flying winger Robbie Cullen rarely has a bad game against Croatia.

Croatia still is trying sign Makedonia midfielder Jeff Faulkner.

Both clubs failed to negotiate a deal and Faulkner's



Croatia's latest recruit, Darko Kuna.

appeal against his \$10,000 transfer tag was heard last Thursday night by the ASF Appeals Board which cut the fee in half.

Makedonia immediately appealed against the decision, a wise move, as talented

Faulkner could have given his old club a torrid time in tonight's game.

Green Gully Ajax probably will start favorite against J.U.S.T. in Friday night's Olympic Park clash.

Fresh from a com-

mendable showing against Hellas last Sunday and boasting a 1980 Philips Cup win over J.U.S.T. last year's State League champion has every reason to feel confident.

However Ajax will find the experience of Jim Milne, Jim O'Reilly, Jim Kondarios and Igor Hazabent a formidable barrier. In Dennis Boland, Ajax faces a hurdle of mammoth proportions.

J.U.S.T. should hold out for a draw.

Surely Hellas can account for Croydon in the second of Friday's game.

Hellas coach John Margaritis has a few selection problems though. George Campbell did well when he came on as a substitute against Ajax last week while a couple of big name midfielders failed to flatter.

And up front Charlie Egan, Alun Evans, Steve Woodin and Branko Buljevic are vying for three spots. Of the four Buljevic was the most impressive but only played in the first half against Ajax. Evans looked cumbersome, Woodin didn't get enough of the ball, and Egan is finding his feet in PSL ranks.

Still, there are over a dozen PSL clubs which wished they had a similar problem and Croydon's young team should be no match for Hellas.

Macleods score a fine double

Heidelberg 1 Croatia 0

Scorer: Macleod 57th.

Ground: Olympic Park, Friday night.

Crowd: 6080 (double-header).

Referee: Chris Bambridge 7.

Cautions: McMillan (H'berg).

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6 -

McMillan 6, Yzendoorn 8, Macleod 7, Yankos 6 - Selemidis 6, Taylor 6, Rooney 8 - Campbell 6, Cole 6, Tasevski 6.

CROATIA: Kovac 8 - Parton 7, Ramljak 7, Kokoska 7, Adams 8 - Batnovic 5 (Kuna 7, 40th), Radman 7, Gojevic 7, Murphy 6 - Brogan 7, Mitten 5.

This was the start of a fine weekend for the Macleod

family and it also should have given the State League clubs new confidence.

Don Macleod, left on the bench after being recruited from Nottingham Forest's reserves last year, was given his chance in defence and scored Heidelberg's winning goal from a neat chip by Jimmy Rooney.

Two days later his brother Gus, recently back from a holiday in Scotland, was to play in attack in the Ajax team that held star-studded Hellas to a 1-1 draw at Middle Park.

The Philips League clubs started the Ampol Cup as hot favorites to win all matches comfortably. Croatia however, made Heidelberg fight for everything and perhaps was unlucky not to clinch a draw.

Croatia's performance was all the more creditable because the team featured

wholesale changes. The 1981 players now out of the team are Carl Gilder, Howard Andrews, Alan Kerr, Steve Short, Joe Tront, Pat Bannon, Peter Blashy and Ante Bilayer. Coming in to prop up the team were youngsters George Radman, Danny Ramljak, Steve Gojevic, Chris Kovac and Sean Parton, bought from J.U.S.T.

All of them played well, especially goalkeeper Kovac.

Heidelberg's stars were sweeper John Yzendoorn who built up play well, and Jimmy Rooney who played with all his characteristic guile in mid-field.

Croatia, which also has signed goalkeeper Steve Potter from J.U.S.T., tried out forward Darko Kuna in the second half, and Kuna had chances to win the game for Croatia.

George Radman played well defensively in the first half, and Gojevic showed some flashy skill in attacking moves from midfield, but Heidelberg generally had more of the play.

Croatia's first dangerous moment came just after half time when Kuna, who had replaced Ned Batnovic, sent a menacing square ball towards Dave Brogan in front of goal. However, Macleod was on hand to intercept before Brogan could do damage.

Moments later, Rooney appeared on the right wing from where he chipped the ball into the middle for Macleod to head the winner.

Before that goal, Gary Cole twice had chances to score. It was due to the good work of Chris Kovac that Cole didn't score at least one. — LAURIE SCHWAB.



It's a goal! Heidelberg's Don MacLeod (No.5) falls to the ground after heading Jimmy Rooney's cross past Croatia goalkeeper Chris Kovac (left). In the background, from left, are: Steve Kokoska, Gary Cole, George Radman. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

NSW Ampol Cup draw

ROUND 1: 6.45 pm Avala v North Sydney Inter Wed. 3/2/82 St. George Stadium

8.30 pm St. George B.S.C. v Sydney City Wed. 3/2/82 St. George Stadium

6.45 pm Blacktown City v Cant.-M'ville Oly. Sat. 6/2/82 Marconi Stadium

8.30 p.m. S.S.C. Yugal v Marconi Fairfield Sat. 6/2/82 Marconi Stadium

2.45 pm Bankstown City v Leichhardt Sun. 7/2/82

4.30 pm Polonia v Manly Warringah Sun. 7/2/82

2.45 pm Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire Sun. 7/2/82 Melita Stadium

4.30 pm Croatia Sydney v Auburn Sun. 7/2/82 Melita Stadium

BYES: Inter Monaro, Wollongong City, Sydney Olympic, Riverwood.

ROUND 2: 6.45 pm Auburn v St. George B.S.C. Wed. 10/2/82 St. George Stadium

8.30 pm North Sydney Inter v Sydney Olympic Wed. 10/2/82 St. George Stadium

6.45 pm Croatia Sydney v Inter Monaro Wed. 10/2/82 Marconi Stadium

2.45 pm Cant.-M'ville Oly. v S.S.C. Yugal Sun. 14/2/82

4.30 pm Polonia v Bankstown City Sun. 14/2/82

2.45 pm Blacktown City v Riverwood Sun. 14/2/82 Melita Stadium

4.30 pm Melita Eagles v Avala Sun. 14/2/82 Melita Stadium

BYES: Sutherland Shire, Marconi Fairfield, Manly Warringah, Sydney City.

ROUND 3: 6.45 pm Bankstown City v Wollongong City Wed. 17/2/82 Melita Stadium

8.30 pm Avala v Sydney Olympic Wed. 17/2/82 Melita Stadium

6.45 pm Manly Warringah v Leichhardt Wed. 17/2/82 St. George Stadium

8.30 pm Auburn v Sydney City Wed. 17/2/82 St. George Stadium

6.45 pm Inter Monaro v St. George B.S.C. Fri. 19/2/82 Marconi Stadium

8.30 pm Cant.-M'ville Oly. v Marconi Fairfield Fri. 19/2/82 Marconi Stadium

ROUND 4: 6.45 pm Sutherland Shire v Sydney Olympic Wed. 24/2/82 St. George Stadium

8.30 pm Croatia Sydney v St. George B.S.C. Wed. 24/2/82 St. George Stadium

6.45 pm Inter Monaro v Sydney City Wed. 24/2/82 Marconi Stadium

8.30 pm Riverwood v Marconi Fairfield Wed. 24/2/82 Marconi Stadium

6.45 pm Manly Warringah v Wollongong City Fri. 26/2/82 Melita Stadium

8.30 pm Polonia v Leichhardt Fri. 26/2/82 Melita Stadium

2.45 pm Blacktown City v S.S.C. Yugal Sun. 28/2/82

4.30 pm Melita Eagles v North Sydney Inter Sun. 28/2/82

BYES: Cant.-M'ville Oly., Bankstown City, Auburn, Avala.

ROUND 5: 6.45 pm Sutherland Shire v Avala Wed. 3/3/82 Marconi Stadium

8.30 pm Blacktown City v Marconi Fairfield Wed. 3/3/82 Marconi Stadium

6.45 pm Manly Warringah v Bankstown City Wed. 3/3/82 Melita Stadium

8.30 pm Polonia v Wollongong City Wed. 3/3/82 Melita Stadium

6.45 pm Riverwood v Cant.-M'ville Oly. Fri. 5/3/82 Melita Stadium

8.30 pm Melita Eagles v Sydney Olympic Fri. 5/3/82 Melita Stadium

6.45 pm Inter Monaro v Auburn Fri. 5/3/82 St. George Stadium

8.30 pm Croatia Sydney v Sydney City Fri. 5/3/82 St. George Stadium

BYES: North Sydney Inter, S.S.C. Yugal, Leichhardt, St. George B.S.C.

K.O. SECTION - Venues to be decided

Quarter Finals: Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th March, 1982.

Semi-Finals: Friday 26th March, 1982.

Final: Friday 2nd April, 1982.

GROUP A: Blacktown City, Riverwood, Cant.-M'ville Oly., S.S.C. Yugal, Marconi Fairfield

GROUP B: Polonia, Manly Warringah, Bankstown City, Leichhardt, Wollongong City

GROUP C: Croatia Sydney, Inter Monaro, Auburn, St. George B.S.C., Sydney City

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TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

Soccer—what it's all about

Soccer is a complex sport, possibly because of the way it is continually changing. Situations are evolved through circumstances and players find they are forever obliged to adapt to new situations.

There are four primary elements which influence performance and success: technical skill, tactical sense, physical fitness and psychological qualities. Simplified, these four elements could be defined as follows:

1. Technical skill involves control of the ball.
2. Tactical sense involves control of the game.
3. Physical fitness involves control of the body.
4. Psychology involves control of the mind.

Technique is obviously of fundamental importance. It forms the basis for possession of the ball, for keeping it under control in difficult match situations and for using it to good advantage.

Physical fitness reflects the extremely high demands which modern soccer makes in physiological terms.

A player's psychological make-up is of considerable importance in the game at a competitive level. A player cannot perform well unless he is properly motivated. However, it is number two on my list, which I propose to look at in a series of articles here in "Soccer Action."

Tactics teach players to be organised. Players learn to be positioned around the field, how their chosen team system can best be implemented in competition and how different players have different roles to play on the pitch.

To combine effectively, players must understand their

own role in relation to the roles of their teammates. 1. What to do when in possession of the ball. 2. What to do when opponents have possession.

The coach can select the most suitable tactics according to his understanding of the principles of team play.

Those principles are the principles of defence and principles of attack. Obviously in attack versus defence the principles are opposites. A team which applies all the principles of play increases its chances of success and will be a very difficult opponent.

By using the principles of play the coach may

(a) highlight a particular function of one player or a group of players within the overall game.

(b) improve an aspect of team play without confusing the players with complicated explanations on irrelevant situations.

(c) keep the fundamentals of good team play simple.

To coordinate eleven players to be effective against eleven unco-operative opponents is very difficult. The basis for achieving this task must be as simple as possible. The principles of play help to make the development of good team play as simple as possible.

During the season I will look at various team tactics in relation to the principles of play and in so doing perhaps help spectators to appreciate part of the technical side of the game.

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Croatia's 1982 captain Keith Adams heads clear in front of Tom Taseraki of Heidelberg in the Ampol Cup

Five-a-side for women

The Victorian Women's Soccer Association will hold a five-a-side competition starting on Sunday, February 7 at the Footscray YMCA in Essex Street, West Footscray.

Bendigo, Dandenong, Rowville, Melbourne University, Watsonia and Greensborough already have entered the tournament and other interested clubs should contact Betty Hoar on 467 3063.

Janette Melvin, coach of the state Under-15s has decided to enter her state squad in the competition to give the youngsters much needed experience.

\$90,000 wage bill to win the League

Victorian State League clubs are hard hit by escalating wages bills.

Last year's champion club Green Gully Ajax paid almost \$80,000 in signing-on fees and wages to players and coaches and faced a small deficit of \$560 at the end of the 1980-81 financial year.

Club treasurer Arnold Langer estimates club assets — social rooms and players — at about \$300,000 and it's unlikely that the wages bill will decrease this year.

Frankston City continues to labor under a huge financial burden.

The Baysiders estimate their assets at about \$150,000 but are faced with repaying a \$40,000 co-operative loan over a 15-year period.

The present committee inherited an overdraft of about \$35,000, repayable at \$600 a month.

Other debts amount to around \$18,000, one third in money owed to players and coaches.

Frankston's wages bill last year totalled \$40,000 and the club showed a profit on last year's operations of \$2,000.

"We are a classic example of a British Club with the resources to earn money but with members and supporters

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

who won't get off their bums to get the money," said Les Smith.

"If not for about six or seven people down there Frankston City Soccer Club wouldn't exist."

"We went into debt to improve our facilities and our social rooms are a burden we must bear for some years yet."

Frankston may decide to adopt Doveton's policy on signing-on fees.

The Doves see a signing-on fee as a lure for prospective players but once a player has joined the club and his contract has expired club policy demands that no subsequent signing-on fee be offered in new contractual negotiations.

George Cross estimates its assets at almost \$200,000 and last year's wages bill amounted to \$50,000.

"I think we may be able to lower our wages bill this year with the introduction of younger players," said George Cross president Alf Zahra.

George Cross is about \$2,000 in debt.

Crandon is "very sound financially" according to president Geoff Pegg.

The club isn't in debt and paid about \$30,000 in wages last year. Pegg expects the

wages bill to jump to almost \$40,000 in 1982.

The message is clear — if you want success at State League level you'll be looking at a wages bill of about \$30,000 in 1982. That's the likely pay-out this year's champion side faces.

Only Melbourne Croatia can boast reasonable crowd pulling power — about 1,550 spectators on average at home games.

Other clubs rely heavily upon liquor sales and small sponsorships, so the financial outlook for the majority of State League clubs is grim.

Increasingly many clubs will be forced to review their signing-on policy.

While some club administrators argue that in terms of playing standards many players are overpaid, the simple economics are that crowds are too low to maintain present wages bills.

Altona's bubble burst last year when the club was forced to abandon any thoughts of paying signing-on fees.

The club lost many players, finished on the bottom of the State League ladder but considerably reduced its debt.

A similar fate awaits other State League clubs in the near future.

FIRST-UP WIN FOR VOJVODINA

WOLLONGONG 1 (O'Connor) VOJVODINA 2 (Maric, Vujadinovic). Tour game at Wollongong Showground. MATCH RATING: 8. Referee: Ray Robertson 4. Crowd: about 6,000.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 5 — Willis 6, Dunleavy 9, Bertogno 6, Kerr 7 — Hristovski 7 (Adams 60th), Fleming 8, Gaffney 7 — Campbell 7, Cotton 7, O'Connor 8.
It took PSL club Wollongong about 10 minutes to find its

feet against touring Yugoslav First Division club Vojvodina but the locals dominated the second half played in searing heat.

The Yugoslavs could be excused for succumbing to the sweltering conditions but the last 45 minutes must have pleased Wollongong coach Ken Morton.

Morton had much to enthuse about after the match. He had seen reasonable debuts from new signings Larry Gaffney and Roy Cotton and an ex-

cellent opener from former APIA and Soccerway winger Phil O'Connor.

Young 16 year old midfielder Hristovski, captain of Wollongong's youth side last year, continued to enhance his reputation as a youngster earmarked for future success and it only was due to his flagging stamina that Morton replaced the youngster with Lee Adam 15 minutes into the second half.

A third minute mix-up between goalkeeper Natch Vardareff and left back Phil Kerr gave the tourists a dream start. Indecision between the two Wollongong players allowed Yugoslav international Zoran Maric to nip in and capitalise.

Maric again, some seven

minutes later, was the instigator of Vojvodina's second goal. Arno Bertogno lost possession just inside his defensive half and Maric was sent down the wing. He crossed to Rajko Vujadinovic who firmly headed down. The ball bounced up, hitting the underside of the bar, as it eluded Vardareff's desperate attempt to save.

Gradually the home side shrugged off the awe with which it had started against its more skilful opponents and O'Connor, breaking clear onto well weighted through ball from John Fleming, had little difficulty in slotting away Wollongong's reply in the 36th minute.

The home side pounded the Vojvodina goal in the second half. Keeper Zvonko Ciric was

called upon to pull off some superb reaction saves. One in particular, from Chris Dunleavy's header, was world class. Roy Cotton should have levelled from about five metres out but rather than pulling the ball back to three team mates eagerly waiting in the middle he tried a lob from a tight angle but missed.

The visitors will improve as their tour progresses while Wollongong looks likely to have a strong squad for its assault on the PSL this year.

Morton's side travels to Myer's Reserve in Bell Post Hill, Geelong to take on a Geelong Select on Saturday at 3pm. The game is sponsored by Shell Refinery (Aust) Pty. Ltd. and is the first time a PSL side has played in the area.

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Showdown in Auckland?

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Charlie Dempsey, New Zealand's enterprising World Cup director, is keen to stage a tournament in Auckland involving Australia, China, Kuwait and New Zealand to determine just who is kingpin of the Asia-Oceania region.

The World Cup play-offs proved to be a three-cornered dog fight between New Zealand,

Kuwait and China. The outcome did not satisfactorily resolve which enjoys supremacy.

Dempsey would like also to include Australia in the quartet for two reasons, principally because he feels that the Socceroos played below their potential during the World Cup.

The second reason is more basic — Australia always is a big drawcard and its participation would guarantee the tournament's financial success.

Due to fixture congestion it is unlikely that the

event could be staged this year but the New Zealand F. A. feels it would provide an ideal christening for the ultra-modern stand being built at Mount Smart Stadium. This is expected to be completed in October 1983.

With interest in the code at an all-time high in New Zealand, the Kiwis are anxious to maintain their momentum and milk the euphoria sweeping the country following their qualification for Spain.

Kuwait already have expressed interest in the

tournament. The People's Republic Football Association and Australian Soccer Federation will be approached later in the year.

— PAUL MOON

Kurt Defris saves Hakoah through link with Hellas

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Kurt Defris did "the only honorable thing" when he came to terms with Hellas. And so Hellas-Hakoah soccer club was born into the Victorian State League late last year.

"Everyone could see that the writing was on the wall," said Defris, a reference to Hakoah's over-draft and guarantees totalling \$68,000.

"We have done what we could in the past 55 years. The interest in Hakoah Soccer Club no longer is there. At least we have kept the name 'Hakoah' flying in soccer circles.

"The Greek people have treated us almost like brothers. It took a few months, in fact about a year, to convince our people that we wouldn't be eaten up by a merger.

"I'm a man who goes with the times and it would have hurt me deeply had we gone out with a bang by being declared bankrupt.

"For us, amalgamation was the only solution, the only honorable thing we could do."

The new club is headed by president Jim Diamantaris. John Chaskiel, a long standing Hakoah committee member, and Peter Dourin, are vice-presidents. Chris Papas is treasurer and the general committee members 14.

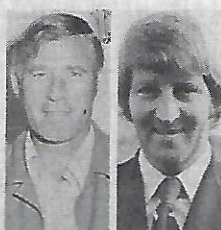
Kurt Defris is secretary-manager, continuing an unbroken administrative connection with Hakoah which started in 1947, a unique record in Australian and world soccer.

At 73 Defris remains active and alert. His ability to analyse, debate and influence has been invaluable over countless committee meetings in a variety of sports.

Honored by the Order of Australia in 1978, life membership of the Victorian Soccer Federation and the Victorian Table Tennis Association and life presidency of the Victorian Ice Hockey Association, his record is a monument to successful sports administration.

The young Defris was a dashing winger in the Australian First Division. His proudest playing days were in 1931 when he was transferred for about \$420,000 from Fair Uniteds to the famous Hakoah-Vienna club.

During the Second World War he escaped Hitler's persecution of Jews by fleeing to Shanghai in China. There he became chairman of the Jewish Recreation Club which boasted about 20 clubs in the Jewish Soccer League and some 6,000 registered players.



Two of Hakoah's past stars, Dick van Alphen (left) and Hugh Murney.

In 1946 he came to Australia and played about half of the 1947 season with Hakoah before taking up an administrative post.

Defris also excelled at table tennis. During his stay in Austria he was ranked consistently in the top 10 in the country and was a national representative. His wife was ranked number three in the world after the 1936 world championships.

His success and knowledge as a player in both soccer and table tennis have been integral to his success as an administrator in these sports.

He has seen about 10 Hakoah presidents come and go, among them Jack Skolnik, Dr Henry Baytch, Les Erdi, Victor Gross, Ned Spicer, Manny Urelich and Dennis Krogold. He admires the first president of Hakoah, Jack Shatin, and values his friendship with Fred Halpern, Michael Weinstein, John Chaskiel, Kadish Korman, Fred Weider, Henry Greenfield, Dr Ian

Kaufman, Henry Fromer, Peter Fyries and innumerable former Hakoah committeemen and supporters.

Defris is a pragmatist in the classic mould. He can reminisce about the former greatness of Hakoah, then suddenly spring back to the modern day, candidly outlining the reasons behind the club's increasing economic hardship and eventual amalgamation. Not for him simply fond memories. Hakoah survives. Maybe not strictly based upon the support of the Jewish business community but it's survival nonetheless.

"For years now we have relied upon the backing of the Jewish business community," he says.

"Up until about 1965 we were one of the best supported clubs in Victoria but our support dwindled quickly. The old guard died, their descendants didn't become interested in soccer because of the diverse interests prevalent in modern day youth and Australian Rules Football was more enticing than soccer. In a way we contributed to our demise because we neglected our juniors until recently.

"When I came to Hakoah we played at Royal Park, then we moved to Fawcner Park. Our next home ground was near the exhibition Buildings and then we became the first club to play at Olympic Park. That was before the stadium was built.

"In the 30s we played at St Kevins Oval in Toorak until a successful propaganda campaign was carried out by a leading Melbourne radio personality who didn't want to see diverse ethnic groups playing soccer in Toorak.

"In 1958 we returned to Olympic

Park and in 1961 we moved to Albert Park. Slowly but surely, stone by stone, the Middle Park stadium evolved.

"We are indebted to the late Senator Pat Kennelly who was our patron and chairman of the Albert Park Trust. He was instrumental in building our stadium.

"Of course, we shared the ground with Hellas and I want to stress that there never has been the slightest clash over the use of the ground.

"And the players I have seen over the years! Who could forget them? Players like Hugh Murney, Harry Sutherland, Harry Roessler, Jacky Roessler, Joe Gottesman and of course our most famous captain, Tom Jack. Dick van Alphen, Dave McIntosh and Milan Vesovic are others who readily come to mind. Gentlemen all, and from time to time they come back to watch Hakoah. You know I estimate that maybe 60 percent of our players finished their careers with us. That says something good about them and about our club, eh?"

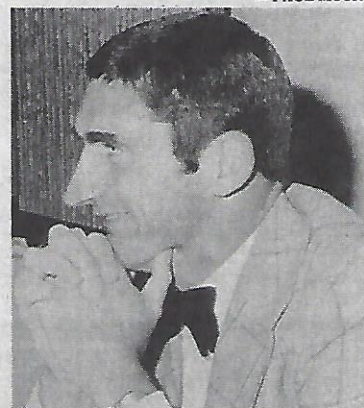
Thousands of Victorian soccer followers are acquainted with the sight of Defris walking along the touchline with his trusty stick, trying to select a good vantage point just seconds before the kick-off of a Hakoah match. The analogy between that sight and the "Peanuts" cartoon character Linus with his security blanket in tow almost is irresistible.

That chair could well have joined Hakoah around about the same time as Defris. Just as the chair is symbolic of the man, the man himself symbolises everything we know as Hakoah Soccer Club.

Sport for most is a leisure. For Kurt Defris it's a way of life.



Kurt Defris in the guises of two of his sports — left: accepting a prizemoney cheque for Hakoah from Keith Stackpole of Rothman and, right: as ice hockey president, making a presentation to Noel Derrick of Blackhawks in 1963.



Jim Hermiston — glorious career.

Will Hermiston come back?

Although Jim Hermiston, one of the country's best known and widely respected footballers, has announced his retirement, there is yet a chance he may play again.

Hermiston has been the "Soccer Action" JAT Airlines Player of the Year for the past two seasons.

At the age of 34, he has completed a 16-year career of top level professional football.

Because of his superb fitness and great experience, he could have continued playing with his club Brisbane Lions for at least another two seasons.

But Hermiston said his first consideration now was towards his family and his job as a physical education instructor with the Queensland Police Force.

"I have been travelling constantly for 16 years back in Scotland and in Australia and want to devote more of my time to the family," he said.

"At times I started to feel like one of the Leyland Brothers. 'And I always knew I would sense when it was time to quit while on top. I have that feeling now and there are no regrets.'"

Hermiston now is director of junior coaching at Brisbane City, but the club may try to lure him back onto the playing field now that it has lost David Ratcliffe.

The milestones in Hermiston's career are far too numerous to mention here.

But the greatest achievement, certainly in the latter part of his career, must be being named Player of the Year by the national soccer press last season.

He also was named Queensland's player of the Year in 1977 and 1980 by the Queensland branch of A.F.A.

And in 1974 in Scotland, Hermiston was named Player of the Year by his peers, the Players' Union.

He has won two Phillips Cup medals, with Brisbane City in 1977 and with Lions this year, only last month.

He retires knowing that he did not capture a national league championship medal, something which Lions are aiming for next year under coach Joe Gilroy.

Hermiston's loss to the club, and the splitting of his formidable centre-back partnership with Col Bennett will be felt deeply at Richlands.

"But I liken that to placing your finger in a glass of water. When you take the finger out, the hole fills up quickly. Nobody is irreplaceable," he said.

Hermiston was brought to Australia from Aberdeen in 1977 by State League club Grange Thistle and played with his sponsor club and Brisbane City in the inaugural national league year.

He played 20 national league matches for City, then went on to accumulate many appearances for Lions.

At the start of 1978 he switched to Lions for a record Australian transfer fee of \$30,000, which still stands.

During 1979, then national coach Rudi Gutendorf told me Hermiston would be his automatic choice as Socceroo skipper if he had been allowed to play.

Hermiston was precluded from representing Australia because of one under-23 appearance for Scotland against Wales, in which he played for only 45 minutes before being injured.

He is an exception to the belief that imports should not be permitted in Australian soccer.

The presence of a player like Hermiston has greatly benefited the game, through a combination of his skills, knowledge and general application.

— BRUCE WADDELL

Advertiser Cup kicks off Geelong soccer

Geelong soccer kicks off today (Wednesday) with a five-week pre-season tournament involving eight teams.

For the second successive year, the local newspaper, the Geelong Advertiser, has put up \$2,000 which will be divided between the top teams. All clubs in the Geelong area, regardless of whether they are playing in provisional, metropolitan or local competitions, will be involved.

The leading local club, Bell Park, won the inaugural Geelong Advertiser Cup competition last year but was

closely pressed by Hamlyn Rangers.

Other clubs involved are West Geelong, Geelong United, Corio, North Geelong, Geelong and a combined Western Victoria Soccer Association side.

The competition will be played along World Cup lines, with clubs being divided into two groups of four; all teams in each group will play each other, with the two in each group with the most points playing off in semi-finals.

Games will be played each Wednesday and Friday for five weeks at the Hamlyn Rangers ground, at Myers Reserve.

The tournament is the outcome of a three-year involvement with local soccer by the "Geelong Advertiser."

Until 1979, the newspaper was much more oriented toward Australian Rules football, and became concerned that it was not giving a full sports service to Geelong's large migrant community.

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Nunawading may climb

Victorian Fourth Division club Nunawading could find itself promoted to Division Three if the Metropolitan League board of management has its way.

Metro League chairman and Frankston Pines president John Hotson strongly objects to Provisional League club Mordialloc taking over the Third Division vacancy caused by South Melbourne Hellas's merger with State League club Hakoah.

A Mordialloc committee member told me that his club had paid Hellas \$12,000 to move to the Metro Third Division while selling its Provisional Third Division spot for \$4,000.

Hotson believes that the Hellas-Hakoah merger leaves a vacancy in Third Division which should be filled, as in the past, by the third placed team in the lower Division, Nunawading City.

His board has backed him and an extraordinary general meeting of all 48 Metro League clubs may be held in

early February to decide the issue.

Hotson also believes that the promotion of Nunawading should flow on throughout the lower leagues.

This would mean third placed Provisional First Division club Mooroolbark, returning to Metro ranks. CRAIG MACKENZIE.

Ricky Herbert to England

A second New Zealand World Cup player is set to join English soccer. Ricky Herbert, a 20-year-old Auckland-born centre half, arrived last week for a trial with First Division Southampton.

He is following in the footsteps of Wynton Rufer, who has been taken on by Norwich.

Herbert has played in all 15 of New Zealand's qualifying games. He captained his country in the 1978 World Youth Tournament and was voted Young Player of the Year in 1979.

Cover for Kiwis

The New Zealand team that qualified for the World Cup finals in Spain, has joined the A.S.F. Players Protection Scheme.

Mr Bob Bott, managing director of R. E. Bott Insurance Brokers Aust. Pty. Ltd., Melbourne, developed this special scheme for the A.S.F. some five years ago.

The sum insured has not been released but it is believed to be in the millions of dollars. It not only covers the players, but also the executives who will accompany the team.

It seems Bob Bott's reputation as the sports insurance specialist is becoming world wide.

"No club should allow its of-

ficials and players to be without protection and the A.S.F. both recommends and seeks your support of the National Protection Scheme . . .", so says Mr B. Le Fevre, general secretary of the Australian Soccer Federation.

The scheme now operates nationally and is being used in other countries including the U.S.A.

Current policy holders represents over \$200 million in sums insured and is designed to cover officials and players while engaged in club activities, including social.

Several State associations including West Australia, Queensland and South Australia, have made it compulsory for players to be covered.

The scheme covers all types of clubs from juniors through to Phillips League. In fact several P.S.L. teams are insured up to \$1,000,000 against a major tragedy. Medical expenses, weekly payments to compensate for loss of wages, etc., can be incorporated within the scheme.

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Apart from soccer, similar schemes are available for most other sports including cricket, hockey, baseball. Clubs and players can obtain further details from the A.S.F., ALLIANZ Insurance Company in all states or R. E. Bott Insurance Broker in Melbourne (03) 699 6799 or Sydney (02) 241 1781.

British scores and ladders

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Blackpool 0, Queens Park Rangers 0; Brighton 0, Oxford 3; Bristol City 0, Aston Villa 1; Chelsea 0, Wrexham 0; Crystal Palace 1, Bolton 0; Gillingham 0, West Bromwich 1; Hareford 0, Leicester 1; Luton 0, Ipswich 3; Manchester City 1, Coventry 3; Newcastle 1, Grimsby 2; Norwich 2, Doncaster 1; Shrewsbury 1, Burnley 0; Sunderland 0, Liverpool 3; Tottenham 1, Leeds 0; Watford 2, West Ham.	Walsley 0 Oldham 1 Blackburn 0 U.S.A. 1 Carl. Wals. 1 Barnsley 0 Sheff. 0 Derby 0 Norwich 8 Wexcombe 3 Lancaster 0 Crewe 0 Carlisle 7 Oriel 1 Dun. 2 Croy. 2 Dartford 3 Cambridge 7 Rotherham 1 Bury 1 Scunthorpe 2 Northampton 1 Wigan 4 Bradford 1 York 1 Tranmere 3
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Canon CLUB CLOSE-UP Makedonia



SOCCER ACTION



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• Preston-Makedonia's 2-0 victory over Doveton was the biggest of the opening round of the 1982 Victorian Ampol Cup. Goalscorer Gary Ward is back after having recovered from a broken leg and Makedonia also awaits Georgi Todorovski, a midfielder from Vardar Skopje. Makedonia finished 12th in its first PSL season last year, after winning the 1980 State League championship and being promoted. Its leading players are player-coach Peter Orlerton, a long-serving Soccerio, New Zealand international goalkeeper Richard Wilson, former Crystal Palace and Everton star Alan Whittle, and forwards Rob Cullen, Claude Lucchesi and Doug Brown.

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA, standing from left: Richard Wilson (from Canberra City, 1981), George McMillan (Melbourne Croatia, 1978), Mike Rahay (Hakoah, Vic, 1978), Richard Miranda (from South Africa, 1981), Peter Orlerton (Footscray J.U.S.T., 1980), Gary Ward (from Vancouver Whitecaps, 1978), Gordon Playelle (Scotland, 1978). Front row: Doug Brown (Scotland, 1981), Steve Beech (England, 1978), Alan Whittle (England, 1981), Sobby Magnano (Thornstoun, 1981), Con Opsania (from juniors), Claude Lucchesi (Juventus, 1978), Rob Cullen (George Cross, 1978).

Cruyff back at Ajax for \$13,000 a game

Johan Cruyff, 34, returned to Ajax after it was reported he had lost a vast sum of money on business ventures although he was a millionaire in 1978. Cruyff is reckoned to be getting \$13,000 a game with Ajax plus a share of home receipts.

Austria sacked national team manager Karl Stotz only 22 days after he had taken them to a place in the World Cup finals in Spain.

Julio Iglesias, the 38-year-old heartthrob singer whose recording of "Begin the Beguine" is sweeping the world, was at one time top keeper in Real Madrid's amateur side. Two broken legs in a car smash made him forego soccer for singing.

Majority of Hungary's World Cup players is likely to be available for export after the World Cup finals. Five of the present 22 squad are already with foreign-based clubs.

George Best, 35, with a lucrative 15-match offer from Middlebroough reputed to be worth \$3000 a game, flew into England with intentions of signing for the Yorkshire club but got cold feet and headed back to America to rejoin San Jose Earthquakes. Best was also to get a luxury home and car in the deal.

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge was voted Player of the Year by his fellow Bundesliga professionals.

Chelsea, \$2 million in debt and bogged down by the worst elements in British soccer, has

West Ham clinched the transfer of 27-year-old Belgian international midfielder Francois Van der Elst from New York Cosmos for around \$800,000.

been banned from taking any of its fans to away matches for the rest of the season. In addition it was fined \$2000, ordered to compensate all clubs in their away fixtures to the tune of \$2000 each and all its matches were ordered to be made all-ticket admission.

The English Football League, seriously alarmed at the sagging image of the game and the astronomical drop in attendances, appointed a PR company, GSS, to bid for sponsorship of the League Cup and any other aspect of the game which can be sold.

Ted McDougall the former Scotland, Manchester United, West Ham and Southampton striker flew back from American soccer and at 34 joined Southern League club — Poole Town.

Billy Bingham, the former Everton star and part-time manager of Northern Ireland's World Cup side, is battling to become full time for the finals in Spain. Bingham, who gets only \$3000 a year as part-time boss, is likely to have this raised to \$20,000 — but no full-time status.

Sportsworld (London) which gained the England franchise for World Cup tickets, is headed by 34-year-old New Zealander Geoffrey Phillips.

Craig Johnston, who drives a \$32,000 Porsche, recently bought the number plates R00 1.



From JIM COOK our European correspondent

Sportsworld is reported to have paid a six-figure fee to FIFA for the rights.

Tommy Docherty, sacked as manager of Preston North End after only 17 games, was succeeded by Gordon Lee, the former Newcastle United and Everton boss.

European champion Liverpool was outplayed and beaten 3-0 by Flamengo of Brazil in the unofficial World Soccer Championship in Tokyo.

France has admitted it contacted FIFA over the seeding of England for the World Cup finals. A spokesman for the French FA reckons England's international and World Cup results over the past year are not good enough for England to be seeded.

Glasgow Rangers' \$20 million renovations and improvements at their Ibrox Stadium are completed and the underground pitch heating paid off immediately when their game

Kevin Beattie, 28, the Ipswich Town midfielder who has been bogged down by a shattering knee injury for a long time has been forced to prematurely retire. Beattie nine years with the UEFA Cup holders, played 300 first team games and was the Professional Footballers' Association's first Young Player of the Year. Beattie should pick up a bumper reward in his testimonial when Moscow Dynamo plays at Ipswich on March 10.

with Dundee went on while the vast majority of Britain's soccer fixtures were cancelled.

Don Givens, the former Manchester United, Luton, QPR, Birmingham and Sheffield United striker and Irish international is the only full-time player with Swiss side Xamax Neuchatel which reached the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup. Xamax normally averages 3000 at its home games but victories over Sparta Prague, former European Cup finalists Malmö of Sweden and Malcolm Allison's Sporting Lisbon boosted attendances to 17,000.

Trevor Morris, the former Cardiff City and Swansea manager now secretary of the Welsh FA, blamed team manager Mike England for failing to qualify for the World Cup finals. Wales, beaten into second place in its section by Czechoslovakia on goal difference, was, says Morris, badly at fault playing an all-out attacking game against little

Stoke to give three months trial to Australian midfielder Bill Tonkin, age 16, Iceland which snatched a draw

and blew Wales' chances. Trevor Morris is to retire at the end of the season and could be succeeded by Clive Thomas the well-known top referee.

Bob Lord, chairman of Bury, 26 years and a senior vice president of the Football League as well as a member of the FA Council, died at the age of 73.

Willie Young, the Arsenal defender who had several caps for Scotland, moved to Nottingham Forest for around \$500,000 and scored his debut for Brian Clough's team.

Dennis Tueart the Manchester City striker and top scorer is out for the rest of the season after he severed an Achilles tendon in the match against Sunderland.

Kevin Keegan who still has four months of his present contract to run with Southampton agreed to extend his stay for an additional year with the Saints. Keegan, who would have been free to join any club after May for a mere \$200,000, was wanted by several English clubs and at least one of the West German sides.

Juergen Rober, the ex-Bayern Munich midfielder who had been playing with the now defunct Calgary Boomers in the NASL, joined Nottingham Forest for \$500,000. Rober links up at Nottingham with another former Bayern player, Norwegian international Einar Aas.

TOM ANDERSON Regionalisation first step in lifting our image

The 1982 soccer season looms as the most critical in the history of the code in Australia.

For the decisions and actions that are made will have a decided bearing on the game for the next decade.

The critical situation has come about because of the disastrous time we had in 1981.

It was a year in which everything seemed to go wrong both at club and international levels.

The only bright spot was the World Youth Championships which were a big success.

What has to be accepted once and for all is that all petty jealousies and personal ambitions that may exist within the ranks of our administrators must be put aside for the benefit of the game.

No doubt many readers of this column are thinking that they've seen this line somewhere before.

It seems I use it every year at this time, until now — to no avail.

But this year it's different. It's not a matter of life and death — it's more important than that.

For, unless there is a united front, with all State League, PSL and other administrators pulling together, soccer always will remain a minor sport in the eyes of the Australian sporting public.

At international level we are no longer the kings of Asia and the Oceania region.

Although it is hard to swallow, we must now sit back and take second place to our Tasmanian neighbour, New Zealand.

The World Cup Kiwis are top of the pile and the money and experience they will gain by going to the finals in Spain in June, will make them a very difficult team to beat in the next few years — both at senior and youth levels.

And keeping this in mind, it must be remembered that our kids will have to meet the Kiwi kids in the qualifying round of the World Youth Cup in December.

We must have a strong Soccer team if soccer is to gain



ZIKA NIKOLIC

ZNACAJNA GODINA

Ove godine se održava finalna igra prvenstva sveta, dvanajesto po redu, u 14 spaskih gradova, na zalost bez Australije, koja je utrosila mnogo truda i novaca uzalud. Zato su njeni sudci, kao i Novog Zelanda, obojili obraz, jer su imali boljeg trenera i manje kompleksa od nas. Za nas je uteha da kostur reprezentacije je Novog Zelanda igra za nas klubove u Philips ligi. Ukupno 6 igara se preselilo sa Novog Zelanda u Australiju zbog boljih uslova za rad i vecih plata, koje nam nisu pomogle da se kvalifikujemo za Spaniju!

Iako se Australija nije kvalifikovala za Spaniju, interesovanje za svetsko prvenstvo je veliko. Bez obzira sto ce televizija prenositi vecinu utakmica, veliki broj citalaca Jugoslovenske scene u "Soccer Actionu", postavljali nam pitanje kako mogu stici u Spaniju sa obezbedjenim ulaznicama i smestajem. Mi vam preporucujemo jugoslovensku aeroliniju JAT i sve putnicke agencije, koje rade sa JAT-om i oglašavaju u "Soccer Actionu". Podjite kod njih za savet i obavestene, koja ce vam mnogo pomoci da budete svjedoci i ucesnici najveceg sportskog dogadjaja u ovoj godini.

VOJVODINA U AUSTRALIJI

VOJVODINA je psmi jugoslovenski klub, koji gostuje u Australiji. Istina, ovaj klub ne pripada velikoj cetoj, koja je monopolisala jugoslovenski fudbal, ali se ove godine nalazi u usponu, sto pokazuju rezultati u jesenjem delu prvenstva. Vojvodina je sedma na tabeli i stalno napreduje, jer ima odlicne strnjake i islove za rad. U Australiji ce odigrati 8 utakmica, od toga dve u Melburnu. Posto istovremeno gostuje madjarska fudbalska reprezentacija, koja se je kvalifikovala za prvenstvo sveta u Spaniji, Vojvodina ce

bit njen protivnik dva puta, u Sijednu 31. Januara i u Melburnu 6. Februara. Prva dva susreta Vojvodina je odigrala u Newcastlu i Wollongongu, tek toliko da se prilagodi nasim prilikama, ali njenu pravu vrednost videemo kasnije. Novosadski tim pobedio Hamilton Red Star 3-0, a Wollongong City sa 2-2.

AMPOL KUP U MELBURNU

Ove godine je Ampol Kup ponovo okupio fudalsku elitu Melburna. Cetiri kluba iz Philips lige i cetiri proplansiranih iz Drzavne lige podeljeni su u dve grupe, cije se porednice sastaju u finalu 10. Februara. Turnir je brzopotezan, jer nema vremena, posto prvenstvo Philips lige počinje 14. Februara. U prvom kolu J.U.S.T. igra protiv St. George-a na svom igralistu u Footscray-u, a u predgri se sastaju navijaci C. Zeve i Hajduka.

Da se vratimo na Ampol Kup u Melburnu, jer je odigrano prvo kolo pre naseg izlaska. Prema postignutim rezultatima, Philips Liga je bila superiornija, jer su njeni klubovi zabeležili tri pobede i jedan nerešen rezultat u direktnom susretu sa klubovima Drzavne lige. Medjutim, osim Makedonije, koja je glatko i zasluzeno pobedila Doveton sa 2:0, golovima Orlertona i Lucchesia, sve ostale pobede su bile mrsave i deo sportske sreće. Najgore je prosao Hellas, koji je najvise pobedio i jedan razliku, a sretno je izscupao bod protiv Green Gully Ajaxa.

J.U.S.T. je pobedio sretnim golom Zorana Dloskog. Boland je opet bio heroj utakmice i odbranio najmanje dva sigurna gola, jedan na samoj gol-crti. Ne treba pominjati da je u Croydon City izveo cetiri juniora, koji jos uvek imaju amaterski status, pa bi, po svim pravilima, morao dozeti katastrofu. J.U.S.T. je igrao sporo i malko zbog velike vrucine, koja nije smetala protinuku u istoj meri. Ipak, plavi moraju biti zadovolji nji pobedom na pocetku sezone, kada svi igraoci dostigli vrhunsku formu. Zivacko Lujic je po povratku iz Jugoslavije je trenirao samo jedanput, sto se odrazilo na njegovu igru.

Alexander je sa najboljim sastavom jedva i sretno pobedio sa 1:0 podmladjenu Croatia, koja je nastupila bez 8 najboljih igraca, stavljenih na transfer listu. Prema dokazanoj igri, tesko je predvideti finaliste. U "A" grupi favoriti su J.U.S.T., Hellas i Ajax, dok u "B" grupi treba da oduci susret izmedju Makedonije i Aleksandra.

Takmicenje za Ampol kup se nastavlja u sredu i petak uvece na Olympic Parku, zatim u nedelju na Middle Parku. Tacan raspored svih utakmica nacitete u ovom broju "Soccer Actiona".

JUGO-TURNIR

Prosele nedele je i zavrsen Jugo-turnir za perhar JAT-a, koji je odbranio na igralistu "Bratstva i jedinstva" u Keysborough-u. J.U.S.T.-ov drugi tim se grdnio obrukao, jer je stigao sa svega 7 igara na polufinale, zbog cega se povukao iz takmicenja i razocarao brojnu publiku, koja je po pakleno vrucini dosla da pozdravi turnir nam klubova. Istina, ovaj propust je bio izvan moci menadzera i trenera drugog tima, ali neko mora biti odgovoran sto se knjil ugled J.U.S.T.-a. U jedinom polufinalu Altona Utd./Vojvodina je zasluzeno pobedila sa 4:0 Parkmore/Plavi Dunav. Posle odmora od skoro dva sata, SPRINGVALE United je sretno u produzetku pobedio Vojvodinu sa 2:1 i osvojio pehar JAT-a, kao i niz drugih nagrada (komplet dresova, torbe i dr.). Najlepši gol je postigao Milan Stojilovic sa 20 metara izokosa, a izjednacjio je Vlacav Pitra. Pobedonski gol je dao Dragoslav Jelcic.

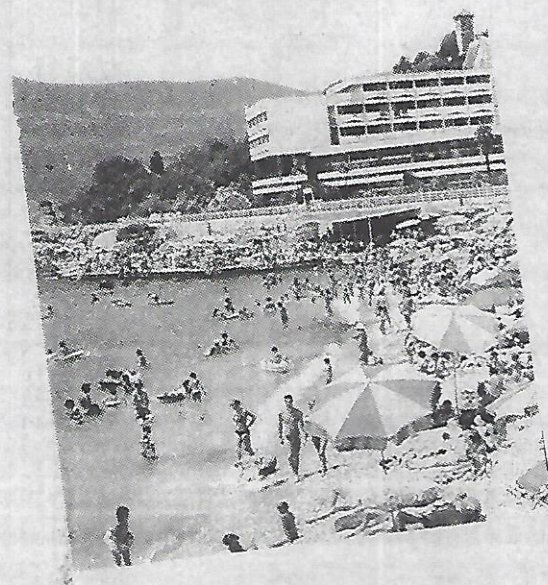
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Tasmanian State League fods up

The Tasmanian State League, which began its life in 1978, is no more. The 1982 season will see the introduction of two regional leagues, one in the south of the State, the other in the north and north-west.

Many clubs found the expense of participating on a State-wide basis too much for them. Lack of sponsorship meant that there was little incentive to compete in a competition that entailed a considerable amount of travelling.

It remains to be seen how the lack of a season-long, State-wide competition will affect soccer in Tasmania. Soccer is one of the few sports to have had a State-wide competition. Australian Rules administrators have failed to establish such a competition, despite repeated efforts, and despite the belief held by many of them that such a competition is essential for the development of their code.

The State League definitely improved soccer in the north of Tasmania. Its benefits to northern clubs was questionable. At times, it was, at times, quite abysmal. It will be interesting to see whether good quality imports still can be attracted to Tasmania in the absence of a State League.

The two new regional leagues diplomatically have been titled the State League South and the State League North (combined north and north-west).

The winners of each league will play each other on a home and away basis at the end of the season to determine the State champions. The reserve leagues in each case really will be youth leagues, only three players over the age of 19 being permitted to play in each team.

The eight-team, State League South will consist of last season's five southern State League teams — Brighton-ICL, Juventus-Pioneer, Croatia-Glenorchy, Rapid-West Point and South Hobart — together with White Eagles Olympia and Metro-Claremont from last season's southern Rothmans League Division 1.

In the four years of its existence, three clubs won the State League championship. White Eagles (1978), Rapid-West Point (1979-1980) and Brighton-ICL (1981) — WAITER PLESS

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Pines want Les Gooney, Irvine back to Falcons

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Newly promoted Metro First Division clubs Fawknor and Frankton Pines are vying for the services of Les Gooney.

Gooney signed with Fawknor last year, ending a long association with Metro Fourth Division club Eltham and the talented libero or midfielder had an outstanding season, so much so that Pines are keen to sign him.

However Fawknor is adamant that Gooney will stay.

Fawknor has re-appointed coach Mike Lynn and hopes this week to finalise the signings of striker Ian Tuffield from Preston Makedonia, winger Mario Anselma from Doncaster Rovers and Rejko Curreli, a midfielder from Richmond.

Juventus player Carlo Barreavelli is another who soon may cross to Fawknor.

Top of the Frankton Pines buying list is Green Gully Ajax striker Kevin Wall.

Pines coach Tommy Randles also is keen to sign Springvale's central defender John Patten and midfielder Steve Moore from Western Suburbs.

Morwell Falcons, new coach Dave O'Connor has signed much time in revamping the Falcons' first team squad.

Steve Walker, Jimmy Mackay and Pat McElhinney are gone and O'Connor is looking at Makedonia's John Higham and striker Terry Nolan as possible newcomers. Nolan has been placed on his head by Makedonia.

Eric Lesbire from Frankston City and John Wallace from Polonia are others who may sign with Falcons.

The progressive Latrobe Valley club welcomed defender Noel Bingham from English non-league soccer last Thursday.

Sandy Irvine will rejoin Falcons for \$700, the same price at which he left last year to join Frankston City.

Knox City has appointed Brian Edgley as coach and John Kennedy as his assistant. Edgley plans to retain all of last year's first team pool and is on the lookout for four newcomers. Striker Paul Priestley was rumored to be joining Kew City but Edgley will insist that Priestley stays with Knox.

Richmond Soccer Club will host the Luthansa soccer team from West Germany in early April.

Luthansa, plays in the works league in Frankfurt.

Second Division Doncaster Rovers has re-appointed North Habsboro's first team coach.

The Rovers are relying heavily upon the humble player, Ian Humble will play in the centre of the defence, brother Andrew probably will link up with Robbie Forsyth in attack and Keith, a midfielder, has joined from the U.K. Another Humble, Steve, a sweeper, still is in Britain but is keen to come here.

Left back Ken Hall has returned from the U.K. and Frank Segui is back from South Australia.

Newly promoted Division Two outfit, Ringwood Servia, has retained coach Jim Mills and is renegotiating its sponsorship deal with the Dorset Gardens hotel.

Servia has lost the services of Mike Sinclair who has been appointed coach of Preston Makedonia's Second Division side and Bosko Djordjevic and Ljube Stojanovic probably will join Provisional League clubs.

Mills hopes to introduce youngsters into his first team. Two of Serbia's most promising juniors are 18 year old Paul Jevtic, a midfielder or central defender and Darren Bain, an 18 year old attacking midfielder.

Sandringham City and Thomastown have emerged as early favorites for the Fourth Division championship.

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City has signed Steve Walker as player-coach and a midfielder general Jimmy Mackay.

Scottish striker Charlie Hendry was signed late last week from Footscray J.U.S.T. and another Scot, midfielder Gary Buick, has joined.

Jim Armstrong, Paul Deeming, Gordon Cameron and Peter Broderick give the first team squad a wealth of experience and promising juniors Jason Jacob and Zelko Karac have decided to stay. Fullback Tony Dillon has completely recovered from a broken ankle.

City is keen to sign former Oldham youth team player Don Boslem and the club will have full use of new \$80,000 social rooms.

Thomastown, committed to maintaining its promotion momentum, has signed Danny Aesic from J.U.S.T. for \$2,800.

The Italian sponsored club is interested in signing central defender Laurie Belusic from George Cross and Laurie Boarotto, a Victorian Under-19 winger from Bulleen.

Mooroolbark has retained all of last year's first team squad and re-appointed coach Ian Williamson for a second term.

The Barkers missed out on promotion back into Metro ranks last year courtesy of a VSF resolution which gave them two points and a 0-0 scoreline for a deferred game against Hotham United which was expelled from the federation.

Mike Dixey has been signing Croydon midfielder Johnny Howarth this week.

Former Altona City coach John Payne has been appointed coach of Provisional Second Division club Melton.

Payne's process of 'rebuilding Melton's first team squad has begun and he has shown a keen interest in signing Manny Gabin, Steve McGarrigle, Peter Wilson and Sammy Deluca, all from Altona City.

Payne also is on the look-out for a goalkeeper.

Any players interested in joining Melton can contact Payne at work on 363 1311 or at home on 366 1640.

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Επίσημα μάθαμε ότι θα γίνουν δύο θερινά τουρνουά των ελληνικών μας ομάδων, ένα ένα ακόμη, αυτό του Πέλοπα, δεν γνωρίζουμε κανέναν αν θα διοργανωθεί τελικά ή όχι.

Ένα καλοκαιρινό κύπελλο θα γίνει στο Μορντιάλλο με τήν συμμετοχή των ομάδων Κλαρίνας, Μάβερν, Τάινστον, Δόξας Γιάραβελ, της διοργανώτριας και άλλων και το όποιο θα αρχίσει στις 7 του Φλεβάρη 1982, ενώ το άλλο θα γίνει στο Πόρτ-Μέλμπορν με διοργανώτρια τήν Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ και τήν συμμετοχή του Πανελληνίου, του Κλάφτον Χίλ, της διοργανώτριας, του Απόλλωνα και άλλων ομάδων.

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Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ

Κάθε Τρίτη και Πέμπτη προπονείται η ομάδα της Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ στό γήπεδο της.

Όπως μάς είπε ο Γενικός άρχηγός τού συλλόγου Μανώλης Βάσης η ομάδα θα βασισθεί φέτος σε νέους παίκτες όπως οι Κω στόπουλος, Τζέσιος, Δούκας, Σταυρίδης, Πέτρος, καθώς και στούς πεπειραμένους Λαζαρίδη, Καραμυζή, Τανικανό και άλλους.

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Με νέο όνομα θα αγωνίζεται από τήν νέα σαιζόν η ομάδα της ΟΕΟ που παίζει στό 'Ιντάστριαλ Λήγκ.

Όπως μάς είπε ο πρόεδρος κ.Νίκος 'Αθα στόπουλος, η ομάδα μετονομάστηκε σε 'Απόλλων.

Ο ΑΛΕΞΙΟΥ ΣΤΟΝ ΟΕΗ

Ο πρώην παίκτης της 'Ελλάς Μελβούρνης ο άνθρωπος της όποιος δεν έκτιμησαν το ταλέντο του, άφου βρόθηκε στούς έργα γεωμετρίας τού ΑΡΗ Θεσσαλονίκης, πήρε τήν τήν μεταγραφή του για τόν ΟΕΗ.

Η ομάδα της Κρήτης προσέφερε στόν 'Αλεξίου 850.000 δραχμές από τις όποιες ο παίκτης έδωσε τις 300.000 δρχ. στήν ομάδα της Θεσσαλονίκης για να πάρει τήν μεταγραφή του.

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'Ηταν κι'αυτό ένα δείγμα για τήν άγνή που τρέφουν όλοι πρός τόν κυανόλευκο σύλλογο.

'Ηδη με νέους άλλα ταλαντούχους παίκτες η ομάδα άρχισε προπονήσεις στό γήπεδο της κάθε Τρίτη και Πέμπτη και από ώρα 6.15 έως 8.30 μ.μ.

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Η ομάδα τού Γιάραβελ θα συμμετάσχει στό "Μίνι Κύπελλο" της Β'δμάδας τού ΜΕ ΓΑ στίς 31 'Ιανουαρίου 1982 και τó όποιο είναι διοργάνωση για μια μόνον ήμέρα.

ΕΝΩΣΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Η 'Ενωσή Ποντίων που είχε τόσο καλή χρονιά πέραι και κατέκτησε το πρωτάθλημα τού Δ'όμιλου τού 'Ιντάστριαλ θα συμμετάσχει στό θερινό τουρνουά τού Μορντιάλλο.

Στίν νέα σαιζόν θα είναι και πάλι οι ίδιοι σκεδόν οι παίκτες, ενώ στήν δύναμη τού συλλόγου προστέθηκε και ο Στήβ Κουτρομυζής ο όποιος θα άναλάβει και χρέη προπονητή.

Οι προπονήσεις τού συλλόγου γίνονται κάθε Τρίτη και Πέμπτη στό γήπεδο τού Τεχνικού Σχολού Ρέιμστον από ώρα 6.30 έως 8.30 μ.μ.

Έργαλε το πόδι τόν από τόν γύφο δ 'Ηρακλή Χαλτίδη και σύντομα θα άρχιστεί τις προπονήσεις.

ΜΕΤΑΣ Β'

"Μίνι Κύπελλο" και πανηγύρι διοργανώνει η Β'δμάδα τού Μέγα που άνήκει στήν Ε'κατηγορία τού Μετροπολιτάν Λήγκ.

Η διοργάνωση θα γίνει τήν Κυριακή 31 'Ιανουαρίου 1982 και θα υπάρχουν στή άγνή, σουβάκια, άμφυμική και άφθονη μπύρα.

Στό ήμερήσιο αυτό τουρνουά θα παίζουν 'Η Δόξα, η Κλαρίνα, η διοργανώτρια και τέσσοι ομάδες ίσως να είναι τó 'Ωλη.

Πιστεύεται όμως είναι η ομάδα τού Μάβερν Σίτυ.

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ

Τό νέο Δ.Συμβούλιο τού 'Ηρακλή είναι τó έξης: Πρόεδρος: Γ.Κατηφόρος, Γενικός Γραμματέας: Μ. Αρετής, Ταμίας: Κ.Μάστορης, Αντιπρόεδρος και έπί τού Τόπου: Μ.Ντινίκης, Γενικός Άρχηγός: Ν.Τασινης, Σέμματος: Μ.Χειμάρης, Γ.Αυμπεργιάνης, Μ.Τούτσος, Γ.Πουμπής, Δ.Κτενάς, Χ.Παναγόπουλος, Β.Κόκκινος και Κ.Κρητικίης.

ΗΥΣΑΙΟΠΑΡ

Οι προπονήσεις τού Πυθαγόρα γίνονται κάθε Τρίτη και Πέμπτη.

Προπονητής στήν ομάδα άνάλαβε ο κ.Παν. Παύλου.

Όσοι παίκτες έπιθυμούν να παίξουν με τόν Πυθαγόρα μπορούν να τηλεφωνήσουν στόν άριθμό 277-0587.

ΠΑΝΣΕΡΠΑΚΟΣ

Μπαρμπανίον διοργανώνει ο Πανσερραϊκός τήν Κυριακή 31 'Ιανουαρίου 1982 στήν τοποθεσία τού JELLS PARK, JELLS RD. GLEN WAVERLEY και όλοι οι φίλοι τού συλλόγου είναι εύροδοστικοί.

ΣΠΙΝΚΒΑΙΝΑ ΣΑΟΥΣ

Όσοι ποδοσφαιριστές έπιθυμούν να παίξουν με τó Σπινκβαϊνλ Σάους, μπορούν να τηλεφωνήσουν στόν κ.Γόρδο Σελερίδη στόν άριθμό 546-9469.

ΕΛΛΑΣ ΜΕΛΒΟΥΡΝΗΣ

Μεταγραφή έήτησε ο Νάγκαν Κάμινγκς από τήν ΕΛΛΑΣ. Όπως μάς είπε ο Γενικός άρχηγός κ.Λεωνίδας 'Ανεστάσιος, αν ο παίκτης παίζει σε ομάδα τού Φίλιπς Λήγκ, τότε το ποσό που θα άπαιτήσει ή κυανόλευκος θα είναι μεγαλύτερο.

Πρός τó παρόν ενδιαφέρεται η Πρέστον. Προβλήματα όμωυ οργήθηκαν με τόν Ένις Μένγουν ο όποιος δήλωσε στήν ήγεία της 'Ελλάς πως θα σταματήσει τó ποδόσφαιρο.

Συγκεκριμένα άπαιτουν ένα χρηματικό ποσό από τήν ομάδα τήν ή όποια δέχθηκε να τó δώσει αλλά στήν συνέχεια ο Β Μένγουν έήτησε να έχει μια σπεία άσφάλεια έέχουρα από τούς άλλους παίκτες πρόνα που δέχθηκαν κανέναν. Έτσι τó θεμα προς τó παρόν παραμένει άνοικτό.

ΜΑΒΕΡΝ ΣΙΤΥ

Τό Μάβερν Σίτυ θα ίδρύσει φέτος και όμάδα Γ'όμιλου.

Οι προπονήσεις τού συλλόγου γίνονται κάθε Τρίτη και Πέμπτη στό νέο γήπεδο τού Κουίνου.

ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ

Τόν παίκτη της Ψ.Χόος Ψ.Υ. Πάπια πρόκειται να άποκτήσει τó Μορντιάλλο.

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